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BATMAN AND ROBIN THE BOY WONDER
You've probably committed some boners in your time. Most everybody has. History is full of the mistakes of man, some of which never could be written off, and some which boomeranged into deeds of good fortune. But only a sense of humor like the JOKER'S could think of translating boners into crimes! And when the clown prince of crookdom sets out to re-create the classic errors of history, for personal gain--and in addition readies a special boner just for BATMAN--it all adds up to one of the most exciting adventures ever to befall the dynamic duo... in the story called...
"THE JOKER'S COMEDY of ERRORS!"
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THE JOKER'S COLLECTION OF THE GREAT BONERS OF HISTORY
BASEBALL'S CLASSIC BONER--WHEN MERKLE OF THE GIANTS FORGOT TO TOUCH SECOND!
COLUMBUS--WHO SET OUT FOR INDIA AND DISCOVERED AMERICA!
RESERVED FOR BATMAN'S FOLLY
HA HA HO
BOB KANE

ONE EVENING, A STRANGE FIGURE EMERGES FROM THE SHADOWS IN DOWNTOWN GOTHAM CITY-- THE FIGURE OF THE JOKER, CLOWN PRINCE OF CRIME!
INTO THE BASEMENT WITH YOU, BRAGG! YOU KNOW WHERE THE FUSE BOX IS! GIVE US TEN MINUTES-- THEN PULL THE FUSES! HA-HA!
RIGHT, JOKER!
GOT ELECTRIC CO

AND, IN THE BUILDING...
HA-HA! ONLY THE JOKER WOULD THINK OF ROBBING THE ELECTRIC COMPANY BY TURNING OUT THE LIGHTS. C'MON, MEN-- WE'LL RIDE IN STYLE-- IN THE ELEVATOR!
THEY'LL SURE BE SURPRISED WHEN THE LIGHTS GO OUT! WE'LL GET THEIR PAYROLL EASY!

A MOMENT LATER...
THE 24TH FLOOR, MY MAN-- AND MAKE IT QUICK! HA-HA!
DO WHAT HE SAYS, BUDDY-- OR ELSE!

THEN, AS THE JOKER PUTS HIS PLAN INTO OPERATION...
IT'S THE JOKER! CALL THE POLICE!
HA-HA! IMAGINE THE ELECTRIC COMPANY WITHOUT LIGHTS! BY THE TIME THE POLICE COME, I'LL BE WELL ON THE WAY TO THE HIDEOUT!
THE LIGHTS WENT OUT! HELP-- WE'RE BEING ROBBED!

QUICK--INTO THE ELEVATOR! WE CAUGHT THEM FLAT-FOOTED, JUST AS I PLANNED! HA-HA!
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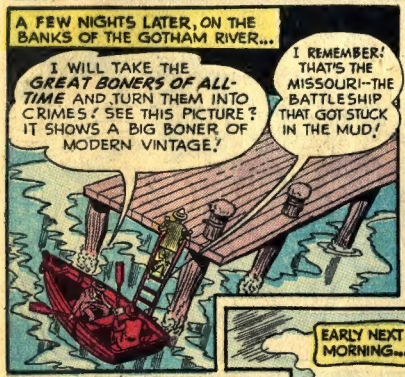
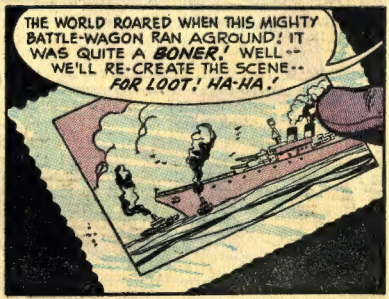
BUT THEN...
HOW DO YOU EXPECT THIS ELEVATOR TO MOVE? YOU CUT OFF ALL THE ELECTRICITY!
WHAT A FOOL I'VE BEEN! HOW COULD I BLUNDER SO! HURRY, MEN-- WE MUST USE THE STAIRS!

AND, AS THE CRIME CLOWN AND HIS MEN RACE TOWARD SAFETY...
LOOK OUT! IT'S THOSE PESTS-- BATMAN AND ROBIN!
WELL JOKER! LOOKS LIKE YOU STEPPED INTO SOMETHING THIS TIME!
I CAN'T TELL YOU WHAT A PLEASURE IT IS TO BUMP INTO YOU AGAIN, JOKER!
DON'T CROW, BATMAN -- YOU HAVEN'T CAUGHT ME YET!
HE THREW A MATCH INTO SOME CHEMICALS USED FOR FILM PROCESSING. THIS WHOLE BUILDING WILL GO UP IN FLAMES!
SUDDENLY, THE JOKER MAKES A DESPERATE MOVE...
BUT HE'S GETTING AWAY--AND SO ARE HIS MEN!
LET HIM GO! WE'VE GOT TO SAVE THE PEOPLE TRAPPED UPSTAIRS! BESIDES--HE DIDN'T ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING--HE FLED WITHOUT HIS LOOT!
YEAH! HE REALLY BLUNDERED THIS TIME!
AND NEXT DAY...
WUXTRY!
GCN BULLETIN
JOKER PULLS BONER OF THE YEAR!!
PERFECT CRIME FIZZLES WHEN CRIME CLOWN RUINS OWN GETAWAY CHANCES! BATMAN AND ROBIN RECOVER ALL LOOT.
OTHER FAMOUS ALL-TIME BONERS:

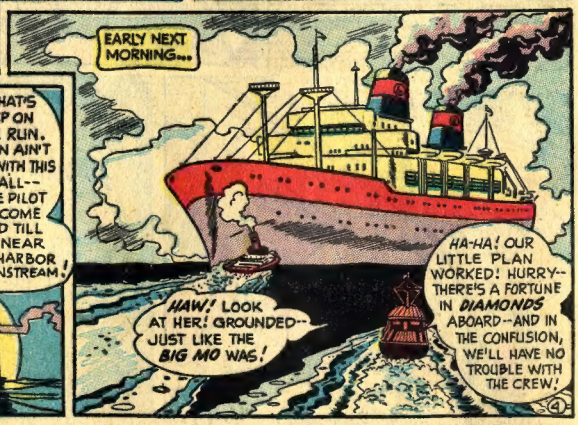
MEANWHILE, AT THE JOKER'S HIDEOUT...
SO! THEY LAUGH AT MY BONER, WILL THEY?! I'LL SHOW THEM! I'LL SHOW THEM HOW MANY BONERS THE JOKER CAN MAKE!
GAZETTE
CHORTLE AT JOKER'S BONER

THIS EMPHASIS ON BONERS HAS GIVEN ME AN IDEA FOR A NEW ADVENTURE IN CRIME! GOTHAM CITY WILL RUE THE DAY IT MENTIONED THE WORD BONER!


A FEW NIGHTS LATER, ON THE BANKS OF THE GOTHAM RIVER...
I WILL TAKE THE GREAT BONERS OF ALL-TIME AND TURN THEM INTO CRIMES! SEE THIS PICTURE? IT SHOWS A BIG BONER OF MODERN VINTAGE!
I REMEMBER! THAT'S THE MISSOURI--THE BATTLESHIP THAT GOT STUCK IN THE MUD!


THE WORLD ROARED WHEN THIS MIGHTY BATTLE-WAGON RAN AGROUND! IT WAS QUITE A BONER! WELL-- WE'LL RE-CREATE THE SCENE-- FOR LOOT! HA-HA!

MOMENTS LATER...
WE'LL JUST CHANGE THE BUOYS IN THE GOTHAM RIVER... AND WHEN THE S.S. CAPETOWNIA ARRIVES TOMORROW, THE FUN WILL BE-GIN! HA-HA!
YEAH! THAT'S A NEW SHIP ON ITS MAIDEN RUN. THE CAPTAIN AIN'T FAMILIAR WITH THIS RIVER AT ALL-- AND THE PILOT DON'T COME ABOARD TILL THEY NEAR THE HARBOR DOWNSTREAM!


EARLY NEXT MORNING...
HAW! LOOK AT HER! GROUNDED-- JUST LIKE THE BIG MO WAS!
HA-HA! OUR LITTLE PLAN WORKED! HURRY-- THERE'S A FORTUNE IN DIAMONDS ABOARD--AND IN THE CONFUSION, WE'LL HAVE NO TROUBLE WITH THE CREW!

NEXT DAY...

GOTHAM GAZETTE

STUNG BY HIS BONER! JOKER LASHES BACK! LOOTS STALLED LINER

LARGE DIAMOND COLLECTION STOLEN!

FIRST "BONER" CRIME!

MISHAP TO BIG MO RESTAGED BY JOKER-- WARNS OF MORE TO COME

MEANWHILE...

THE FAMED *LEANING TOWER OF PISA!* ONE OF THE GREAT ARCHITECTURAL *BONERS* IN HISTORY! FAULTY FOUNDATION WORK AND MISCALCULATIONS ALMOST CAUSED IT TO TOPPLE OVER!

BUT HOW YOU GONNA USE THIS TO PULL A JOB, BOSS?

IN ANSWER, THE JOKER TAKES HIS MEN ON A WILD RIDE THROUGH THE COUNTRY. AND THEN...

WHY--THIS IS THAT OIL MAGNATE'S JOINT--"KING" STALEY'S CASTLE--HE HAD IT TRANSPLANTED, STONE BY STONE, FROM EUROPE!

CORRECT! *HA-HA!* AND NOW HE'S BUILDING A BELL TOWER--WHICH *WE'RE* GOING TO TURN INTO A *TOWER OF PISA! HA-HA!*

AND, A WEEK LATER, AFTER A HEAVY RAIN...

HO-HO! "KING" STALEY BRAGGED THAT NO ONE COULD SCALE HIS WALL AND ROB HIS CASTLE! BUT HE DIDN'T BARGAIN ON THE JOKER--AND HIS *BONER CRIMES!*

THAT NIGHT, UNDER COVER OF DARKNESS...

HA-HA! *NOW TO DO A LITTLE UNDERMINING* WITHOUT ANYONE BEING THE WISER! DIG, MEN--AND SEE HOW *THIS* TOWER WILL LEAN AFTER THE FIRST RAINSTORM!

YEAH! AND REMEMBER TO COVER UP OUR WORK SO NO ONE SPOTS THE DIGGING! WE'LL HAUL ALL THE DIRT AWAY!

YOU SURE MADE THE TOWER LEAN JUST RIGHT, JOKER! AND THIS ROPE WILL HELP US GET OUT THE WAY WE CAME!

THE NEXT DAY, HEADLINES REPORT THE CRIME COMIC'S LATEST COUP...

JOKER STAGES ANOTHER "BONER CRIME"!

JOKER CREATES OWN TOWER OF PISA-TO ROB "KING" STALEY'S CASTLE

JOKER CLAIMS LAST LAUGH!

MEANWHILE, IN THE HOME OF SOCIALITE BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON...

NOT A CLUE AT STALEY'S CASTLE THAT WOULD LEAD US TO THE JOKER'S NEW HIDEOUT!

NEVERTHELESS, WE MUST KEEP ON SEARCHING! BY THE WAY, COMMISSIONER GORDON REMINDED ME TONIGHT THAT WE'VE GOT TO FLY TO THE COAST NEXT MONTH TO TESTIFY AT THE BURKE TRIAL. MAKE A NOTE OF IT.

SUDDENLY, A HARSH VOICE DROWNS OUT THE MUSIC ON THE RADIO...

HA-HA! YES--THIS IS THE JOKER! HOW DO YOU LIKE MY BONER CRIMES, EH? HO-HO! WHO'S LAUGHING NOW?!!

IT'S THE JOKER--USING HIS POWERFUL TRANSMITTER TO DROWN OUT ALL STATIONS! WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO TRACE HIS SENDING BEAM RIGHT TO HIS HIDEOUT!

MOMENTS LATER, IN THE **BAT-CAVE**, THE TWO MAN-HUNTERS PUT THEIR DIRECTIONAL FINDER INTO USE...

HA-HA! YES--THERE ARE MORE BONER CRIMES TO COME! BUT MORE IMPORTANT--**SOON, BATMAN WILL MAKE THE BONER OF THE YEAR!** HA-HA-HA! I--THE JOKER--**WILL ARRANGE FOR BATMAN TO BECOME THE LAUGHING-STOCK OF GOTHAM CITY!** HA-HA-HO-HO!

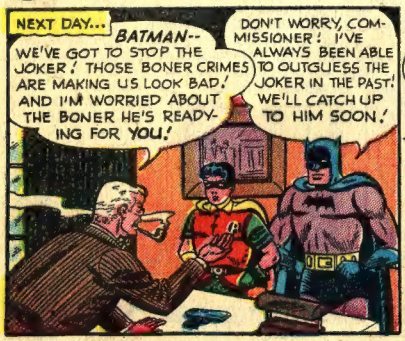
WHAT DOES HE MEAN, BRUCE? HOW CAN HE FORCE YOU INTO A BONER?

I DON'T KNOW. BUT WHATEVER IT IS, IT ISN'T **GOOD**, THAT'S FOR SURE.

AND LATER...

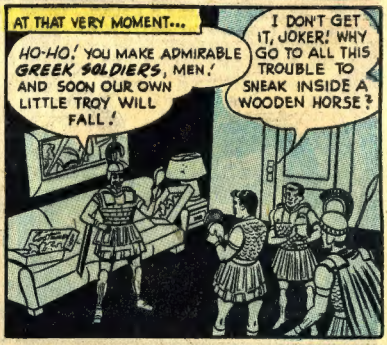
THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO--WE'VE GOT TO GET TO THE JOKER BEFORE HE CAN GET TO US. LET'S CONTINUE OUR STUDY OF THE GREAT BONERS OF ALL TIME--AND TRY TO GUESS THE JOKER'S NEXT MOVE...

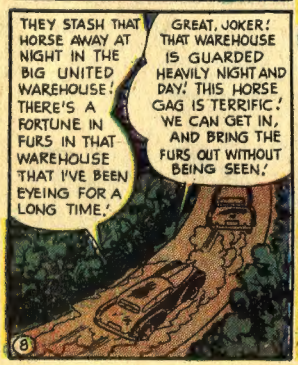
MEANWHILE...
HO-HO! LOOK AT THIS GUN, MEN! IT'S MADE OUT OF WOOD!
ARE YOU READY FOR ANOTHER BONER CRIME, JOKER?
YES! DILLINGER, PUBLIC ENEMY NO. 1, MADE HIS DARING BREAK FROM JAIL WITH A WOODEN PISTOL JUST LIKE THIS. THE GUARD WHO FELL FOR IT COMMITTED A GLARING BONER!
JOHN DILLINGER PUBLIC ENEMY NO. 1
I GET IT! WE'RE GONNA USE THE SAME GIMMICK TO SPRING OUR BOY DANNY FROM THE PEN! BUT WHY TAKE ANY CHANCES, BOSS--WHY NOT SMUGGLE IN A REAL GUN?
BECAUSE IT WOULD NEVER GET PAST THE METAL DETECTORS IN THE PEN! AND DON'T WORRY--THE JOKER ISN'T TAKING ANY CHANCES!
A WEEK LATER, AT THE STATE PENITENTIARY...
THIS GAT MEANS BUSINESS, CLANCY! I'M GETTIN' OUT! THROW ME THE KEYS!
NOBODY COULD HAVE SMUGGLED A GUN IN HERE! YOU'RE PROBABLY USING THAT OLD DILLINGER RUSE--A WOODEN GUN!
ALL AT ONCE...
WOODEN, EH? DOES THIS SOUND LIKE WOOD, CLANCY? C'MON--THE KEYS, BEFORE I BLAST YOU OUT OF THIS WORLD!
GOLLY--IT IS A REAL GUN!
CLANG!
THAT EVENING, AT THE JOKER'S HIDEOUT...
IT WORKED NEAT, JOKER! WHEN THE GUARD GUESSED IT MIGHT BE A WOODEN GUN, I THREW HIM OFF WITH THAT TRICK YOU WROTE ME--BANGING MY RING AGAINST THE BARS AND MAKING BELIEVE IT WAS THE GUN!
EXCELLENT! HA-HA! I THINK I'LL SEND THIS GUN TO COMMISSIONER GORDON WITH MY COMPLIMENTS! HO-HO!

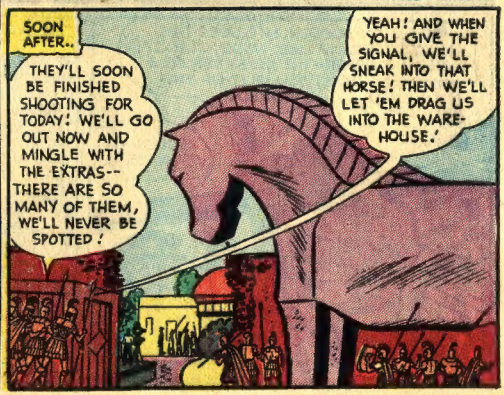

NEXT DAY...
BATMAN--
WE'VE GOT TO STOP THE JOKER! THOSE BONER CRIMES ARE MAKING US LOOK BAD! AND I'M WORRIED ABOUT THE BONER HE'S READYING FOR YOU!
DON'T WORRY, COMMISSIONER! I'VE ALWAYS BEEN ABLE TO OUTGUESS THE JOKER IN THE PAST! WE'LL CATCH UP TO HIM SOON!

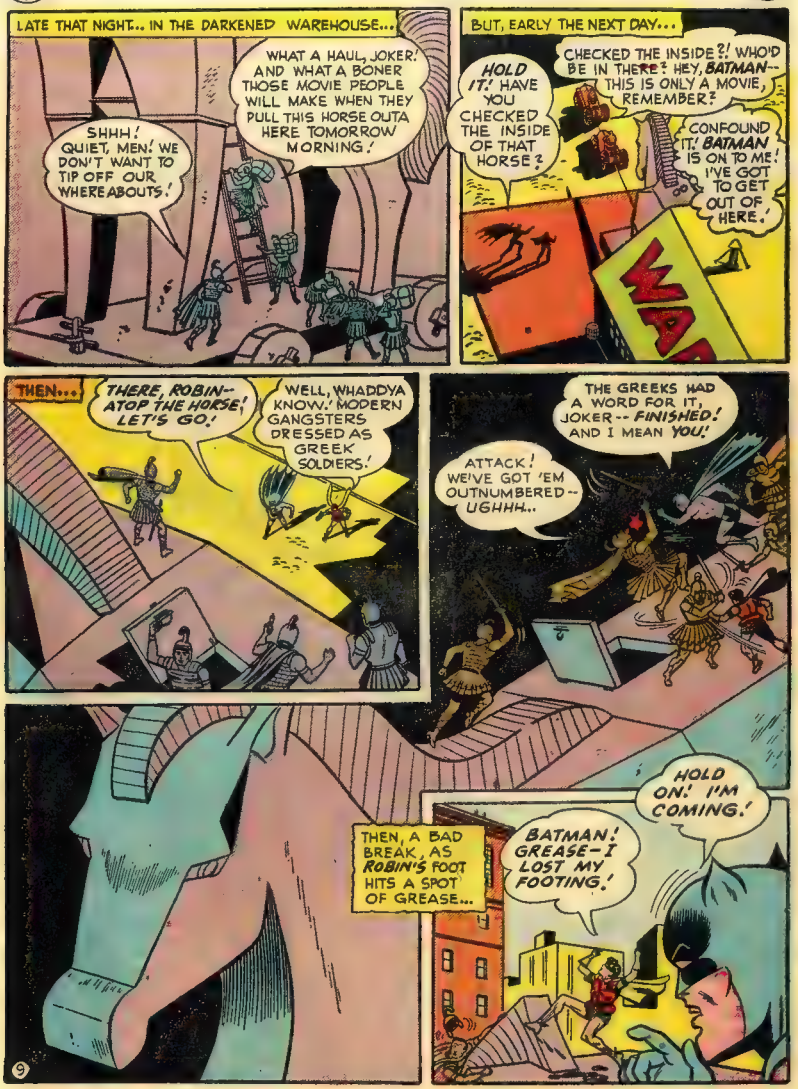
AND, A FEW DAYS LATER...
DICK! THIS NEW MOVIE, "GREEK VICTORY," BEING FILMED HERE--I THINK IT MAY LEAD US TO THE JOKER! LOOK!
HOW IN THE WORLD CAN A MOVIE LEAD US TO THE JOKER?!

THEY'VE BUILT A DUPLICATE OF THE WOODEN HORSE OF TROY FOR THE MOVIE! I THINK THE JOKER WILL GO FOR THAT! IT REPRESENTS ONE OF THE CLASSIC BONERS OF ALL TIME!
I REMEMBER! THE GREEKS LEFT IT ON THE SHORES OF TROY AS A GIFT! THE TROJANS FELL FOR IT, MADE THE BONER OF DRAGGING IT INSIDE THEIR WALLS, THEN GREEK SOLDIERS, HIDDEN INSIDE, STOLE OUT AT NIGHT AND OPENED THE CITY'S GATES! THE GREEKS STORMED IN--AND TROY FELL!


AT THAT VERY MOMENT...
HO-HO! YOU MAKE ADMIRABLE GREEK SOLDIERS, MEN! AND SOON OUR OWN LITTLE TROY WILL FALL!
I DON'T GET IT, JOKER! WHY GO TO ALL THIS TROUBLE TO SNEAK INSIDE A WOODEN HORSE?


THEY STASH THAT HORSE AWAY AT NIGHT IN THE BIG UNITED WAREHOUSE! THERE'S A FORTUNE IN FURS IN THAT WAREHOUSE THAT I'VE BEEN EYEING FOR A LONG TIME!
GREAT, JOKER! THAT WAREHOUSE IS GUARDED HEAVILY NIGHT AND DAY! THIS HORSE GAG IS TERRIFIC! WE CAN GET IN, AND BRING THE FURS OUT WITHOUT BEING SEEN!


SOON AFTER..
THEY'LL SOON BE FINISHED SHOOTING FOR TODAY! WE'LL GO OUT NOW AND MINGLE WITH THE EXTRAS--THERE ARE SO MANY OF THEM, WE'LL NEVER BE SPOTTED!
YEAH! AND WHEN YOU GIVE THE SIGNAL, WE'LL SNEAK INTO THAT HORSE! THEN WE'LL LET 'EM DRAG US INTO THE WAREHOUSE.


LATE THAT NIGHT... IN THE DARKENED WAREHOUSE...
SHHH! QUIET, MEN! WE DON'T WANT TO TIP OFF OUR WHEREABOUTS!
WHAT A HAUL, JOKER! AND WHAT A BONER THOSE MOVIE PEOPLE WILL MAKE WHEN THEY PULL THIS HORSE OUTA HERE TOMORROW MORNING!
BUT, EARLY THE NEXT DAY...
HOLD IT! HAVE YOU CHECKED THE INSIDE OF THAT HORSE?
CHECKED THE INSIDE?! WHO'D BE IN THERE? HEY, BATMAN-- THIS IS ONLY A MOVIE, REMEMBER?
CONFOUND IT, BATMAN IS ON TO ME! I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE!
THEN...
THERE, ROBIN-- ATOP THE HORSE! LET'S GO!
WELL, WHADDYA KNOW! MODERN GANGSTERS DRESSED AS GREEK SOLDIERS!
THE GREEKS HAD A WORD FOR IT, JOKER -- FINISHED! AND I MEAN YOU!
ATTACK! WE'VE GOT 'EM OUTNUMBERED -- UGHHH...
THEN, A BAD BREAK, AS ROBIN'S FOOT HITS A SPOT OF GREASE...
HOLD ON! I'M COMING!
BATMAN! GREASE-I LOST MY FOOTING!

HOW COULD I BE SO CLUMSY! NOW THE JOKER HAS ESCAPED AGAIN.'
NEVER MIND--IT COULD HAPPEN TO ANYONE. BESIDES--I'M SURE WE PUT ANOTHER CRIMP IN THE JOKER'S PLANS! THIS HORSE SHOULD BE LOADED WITH LOOT!
LATER... ...AND THE JOKER'S NEWEST "BONER" CRIME WAS FOILED BY THE ALERT ACTION OF BATMAN AND ROBIN!
BAH! CONFOUND THAT BATMAN! IT IS WELL THAT I AM READY TO TRICK HIM INTO HIS BONER! THEN THE TABLES WILL BE TURNED!
HOW YOU GONNA GET BATMAN, JOKER?
HA-HA! NEXT WEEK BATMAN FLIES TO THE COAST TO TESTIFY! THIS POWERFUL DIRECTIONAL BEAM TRANSMITTER WILL CAUSE HIM TO FLY THE WRONG WAY! HE'LL BE ANOTHER "WRONG-WAY" CORRIGAN. HO-HO!
AND, THE NEXT WEEK... ATOP POLICE HEADQUARTERS...
TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF, BATMAN! THIS IS BAD FLYING WEATHER!
SO LONG, COMMISSIONER. WE'LL BE BACK IN A FEW DAYS.
AT THAT MOMENT...
CEILING ZERO--PERFECT! INSTEAD OF LANDING IN CALIFORNIA, BATMAN WILL END UP IN EUROPE! HA-HO-HO-HO! WHAT THE PAPERS WILL DO TO HIM!
HA HA HO HA-HO HO HA HA HO HA HA
MOMENTS LATER...
CAN'T SEE A THING, ROBIN! WE'LL HAVE TO FLY BY INSTRUMENTS! SET THE AUTOMATIC PILOT!
RIGHT!
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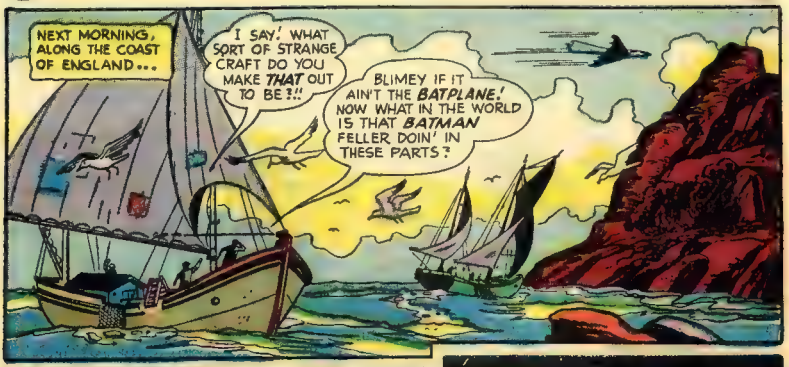
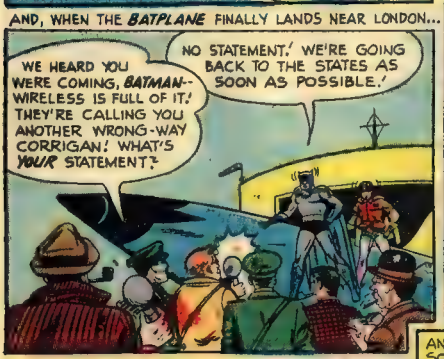
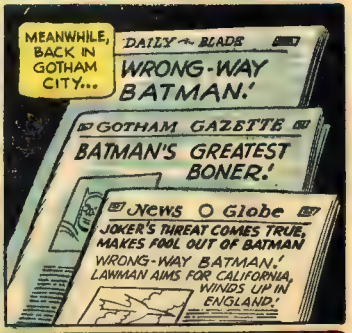

NEXT MORNING, ALONG THE COAST OF ENGLAND...
I SAY! WHAT SORT OF STRANGE CRAFT DO YOU MAKE THAT OUT TO BE?!!
BLIMEY IF IT AIN'T THE BATPLANE! NOW WHAT IN THE WORLD IS THAT BATMAN FELLER DOIN' IN THESE PARTS?


AND, WHEN THE BATPLANE FINALLY LANDS NEAR LONDON...
WE HEARD YOU WERE COMING, BATMAN--WIRELESS IS FULL OF IT! THEY'RE CALLING YOU ANOTHER WRONG-WAY CORRIGAN! WHAT'S YOUR STATEMENT?
NO STATEMENT! WE'RE GOING BACK TO THE STATES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!


MEANWHILE, BACK IN GOTHAM CITY...
DAILY BLADE
WRONG-WAY BATMAN!
GOTHAM GAZETTE
BATMAN'S GREATEST BONER!
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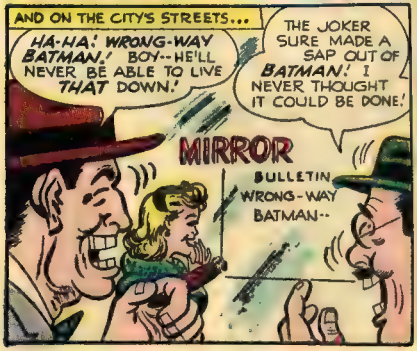
AND ON THE CITY'S STREETS...
HA-HA! WRONG-WAY BATMAN! BOY--HE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO LIVE THAT DOWN!
THE JOKER SURE MADE A SAP OUT OF BATMAN! I NEVER THOUGHT IT COULD BE DONE!
MIRROR
BULLETIN
WRONG-WAY BATMAN--

AND IN HIS HIDEOUT, THE JOKER CAN SCARCELY CONTAIN HIMSELF...
HO-HO-HA-HA! WRONG-WAY BATMAN! MY PLAN WORKED LIKE A CHARM! THE WHOLE WORLD IS LAUGHING AT BATMAN! HIS REPUTATION--AND HE HIMSELF--ARE DESTROYED! HA-HA!
WRONG-WAY BATMAN!
BATMAN GREATEST BONER
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NEXT DAY. AS THE BATPLANE RETURNS TO GOTHAM CITY AND ALIGHTS ATOP POLICE HEADQUARTERS...
BATMAN--THE GOTHAM BLADE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR YOUR VERSION OF THE STORY. HAVE YOU GOT ANYTHING TO SAY?
SORRY, BOYS--BUT I'VE GOT TO SEE COMMISSIONER GORDON RIGHT AWAY!
HUH! WHAT COULD HE SAY? HE'S THROUGH. I TELL YOU--HE'S BECOME A NATIONAL JOKE!
MEANWHILE, A GALA CELEBRATION IS BEING HELD IN THE JOKER'S HIDEOUT...
HO-HO! I DRINK TO THE END OF BATMAN! HA-HA! WRONG-WAY BATMAN--I STILL CAN'T GET OVER IT!
HEAR! HEAR!
ALL AT ONCE...
MY, MY--WHAT A PARTY! TRUST WE AREN'T INTERRUPTING ANYTHING, JOKER.'
DON'T ANYBODY MOVE! MY FINGER IS JUST ITCHIN'!
CRASH
BUT HOW DID YOU FIND MY NEW HIDEOUT? I TOOK SUCH PAINS TO CONCEAL IT!
YOU COMMITTED A BONER, JOKER! YOU WERE SO BUSY FORCING ME INTO A BONER, YOU FORGOT YOU WERE COMMITTING ONE YOURSELF!
WE KNEW YOU WERE TRANSMITTING THAT DIRECTIONAL BEAM THAT FORCED US OFF OUR COURSE! BY USING OUR DIRECTIONAL FINDER, WE WERE ABLE TO PIN-POINT ITS SOURCE--THIS HIDEOUT!
ACTUALLY, THE BATPLANE COULD HAVE SHAKEN OFF THAT BEAM. THE ONLY REASON WE FLEW ALL THE WAY TO ENGLAND WAS THAT WE NEEDED THE TIME AND A SERIES OF READINGS TO PLOT THE DIRECTION OF YOUR BEAM!
NEXT DAY, AT THE CITY JAIL...
OUR CITY--AND INDEED, OUR NATION--OWE YOU AN APOLOGY, BATMAN! ACTUALLY, THEY COMMITTED THE GREATEST BONER OF ALL--BY LOSING FAITH IN YOU!
BAHHH..
THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. LET'S HOPE WE'VE THE LAST OF THINGS LIKE BONERS--AND JOKERS!
THE END
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the "POPSICLE" KIDS in NEVADA BAD LANDS

TESS AND TIM HELP STAKE A CLAIM

IF I LEAVE THIS GOLD STRIKE, THE BLACK GANG WILL JUMP MY CLAIM

WRITE YOUR CLAIM PAPERS SMALL -- I'LL HIDE 'EM IN MY BOOT RING'S SECRET CHAMBER!

NOW CLOSE THE TOP--THE COMPASS WILL GUIDE US!

NO CLAIM PAPERS ON 'EM, BLACKIE

LET 'EM GO--WE'LL GRAB THE CLAIM!

THEY MISSED THE CLAIM PAPERS, HERE, READ 'EM WITH THE MAGNIFYING GLASS OF MY BOOT RING!

THAT CLAIM'S SAFE--NOW WE'LL GET THAT GANG!

KIDS, YOU SAVED MY RICHEST STRIKE!

THANKS TO MY "POPSICLE" BOOT RING!

JAIL'S TOO GOOD FOR YOU!

YOUR BOOT RING SURE SAVED THE DAY, TIM!

I'M SENDING FOR MY BOOT RING RIGHT NOW!

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THAT'S A NICE DOG YOU HAVE, SON!
I SEE HE HAS NO LICENSE, THOUGH, HMM....
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WITH
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THE WONDER
ONE BY ONE, THEY MET THEIR DOOM--THE MOST BRILLIANT STARS IN HOLLYWOOD'S GLITTERING GALAXY--EACH DESTROYED BY THE VERY SAME FATE WHICH THEY ENACTED ON THE SCREEN! HOW DID IT HAPPEN? WAS IT MERE COINCIDENCE--OR WAS THERE SOME SINISTER FORCE BEHIND THIS STARTLING TERROR? THE ANSWER WILL AMAZE YOU, JUST AS IT DID BATMAN AND ROBIN WHEN THEY, TOO, BECAME LISTED AMONG...
"The MOVIE STARS WHO DIED Twice!"
BOB KANE
PRIVATE SCREENING ROOM
STOP! IF YOU SEE THE PICTURE NOW ON THE SCREEN, IT WILL MEAN YOUR DEATH!
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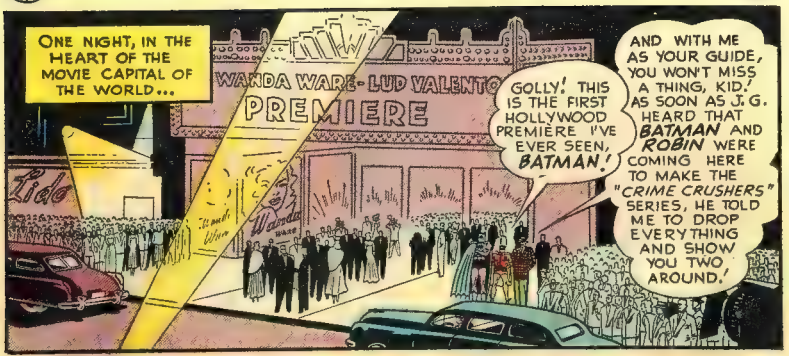
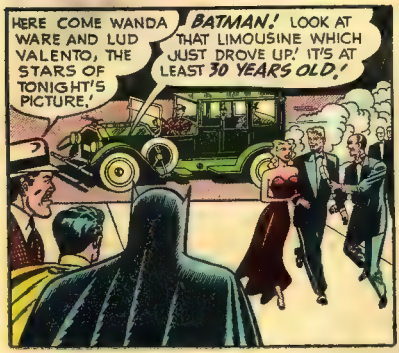
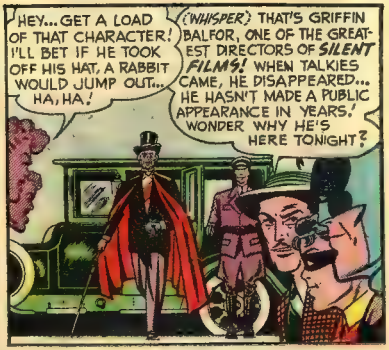
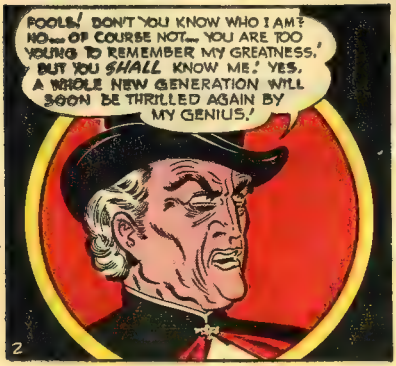

ONE NIGHT, IN THE HEART OF THE MOVIE CAPITAL OF THE WORLD...
WANDA WARE-LUD VALENTO
PREMIERE
GOLLY! THIS IS THE FIRST HOLLYWOOD PREMIERE I'VE EVER SEEN, BATMAN!
AND WITH ME AS YOUR GUIDE, YOU WON'T MISS A THING, KID! AS SOON AS J. G. HEARD THAT BATMAN AND ROBIN WERE COMING HERE TO MAKE THE "CRIME CRUSHERS" SERIES, HE TOLD ME TO DROP EVERYTHING AND SHOW YOU TWO AROUND!


HERE COME WANDA WARE AND LUD VALENTO, THE STARS OF TONIGHT'S PICTURE!
BATMAN! LOOK AT THAT LIMOUSINE WHICH JUST DROVE UP! IT'S AT LEAST 30 YEARS OLD!


HEY... GET A LOAD OF THAT CHARACTER! I'LL BET IF HE TOOK OFF HIS HAT, A RABBIT WOULD JUMP OUT... HA, HA!
(WHISPER) THAT'S GRIFFIN BALFOR, ONE OF THE GREATEST DIRECTORS OF SILENT FILMS! WHEN TALKIES CAME, HE DISAPPEARED... HE HASN'T MADE A PUBLIC APPEARANCE IN YEARS! WONDER WHY HE'S HERE TONIGHT?


FOOLS! DON'T YOU KNOW WHO I AM? NO... OF COURSE NOT... YOU ARE TOO YOUNG TO REMEMBER MY GREATNESS! BUT YOU SHALL KNOW ME! YES, A WHOLE NEW GENERATION WILL SOON BE THRILLED AGAIN BY MY GENIUS!
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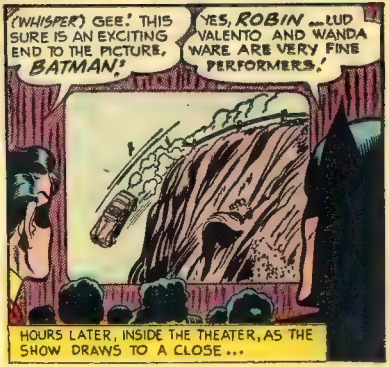

(WHISPER) GEE! THIS SURE IS AN EXCITING END TO THE PICTURE, BATMAN!
YES, ROBIN ... LUD VALENTO AND WANDA WARE ARE VERY FINE PERFORMERS!
HOURS LATER, INSIDE THE THEATER, AS THE SHOW DRAWS TO A CLOSE...

THEN, AS A THRILLED AUDIENCE GATHERS OUTSIDE ONCE AGAIN...

AFTER THE GREAT PERFORMANCES YOU TWO GAVE IN THE PICTURE, YOU DESERVE TO HAVE YOUR FOOTPRINTS JOIN THOSE OF FILMLAND'S IMMORTALS.'

GOSH! IT SURE WAS EXCITING WHEN WANDA AND LUD WERE KILLED IN THAT AUTO CRASH AT THE END.' I'M GLAD IT WAS ONLY A *MOVIE* AND THEY'RE REALLY SAFE AND SOUND.'

JOHN BARRYMORE
JOHN
CLARA BOW
TOM MIX
Tony
MARY
WANDA KARE
Charly Chaplin

BUT SOON AFTER, AS *BATMAN* AND *ROBIN* DRIVE HOME, *TRAGEDY* STRIKES UNEXPECTEDLY.'

ROBIN – THAT CAR.' IT'S CRASHED THROUGH THE PROTECTIVE RAILING, AND THERE'S A STRAIGHT DROP TO THE CANYON BEYOND.'

LEAPING FROM THEIR SPEEDING *BATMOBILE*, THE *DYNAMIC DUO* CAREENS INTO ACTION...

WE'RE TOO LATE, *ROBIN*.' THE GASOLINE TANK EXPLODED

AND WHEN THE POLICE ARRIVE...

THE EMBOSSED NUMBERS ON THE LICENSE PLATE CAN STILL BE MADE OUT.' I CHECKED THEM, AND THERE'S NO DOUBT THIS WAS *LUD VALENTO'S* CAR! HE WAS DRIVING *WANDA WARE* HOME FROM THE THEATER-- BUT ALL THAT'S LEFT NOW IS THIS GIRL'S SHOE.'

IF ONLY WE COULD HAVE SAVED THEM.'

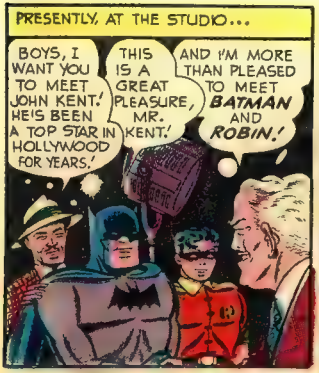
OVER A CLIFF IN A BURNING CAR.' JUST AS THEY DID IN THE MOVIE WE SAW TONIGHT.'

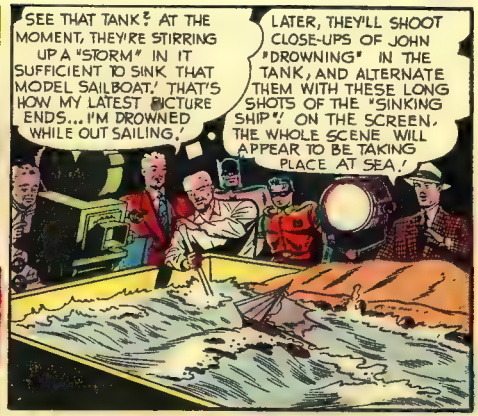
SAY--YOU'RE RIGHT, *ROBIN*.' IN THE PICTURE, THEY DIED IN A CRASH... AND NOW IT'S HAPPENED IN *REAL LIFE*.' WHAT A FANTASTIC COINCIDENCE.'

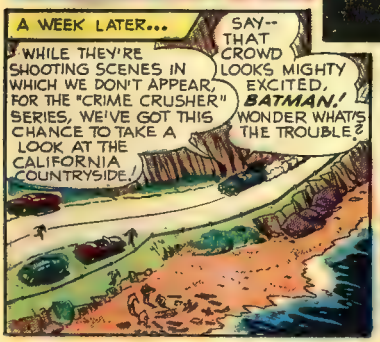
DAYS LATER, AS BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON, RELAX FROM THEIR SECRET ROLES AS *BATMAN* AND *ROBIN*...

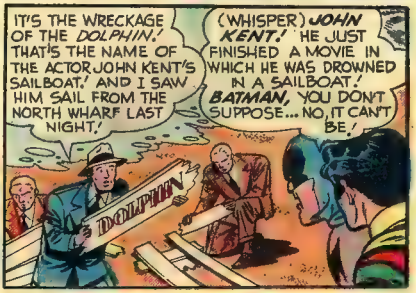
YOU KNOW, BRUCE, THE PAPERS ARE STILL GIVING A BIG PLAY TO THE WARE-VALENTO ACCIDENT.' THEY CALL IT THE *'CELLULOID TRAGEDY,'* BECAUSE IT FOLLOWED THE MOVIE ALMOST EXACTLY.'

TWO YOUNG PEOPLE, JUST STARTING THEIR CAREERS... IT CERTAINLY IS A TRAGEDY.' DOESN'T MAKE ME FEEL MUCH LIKE WORKING ON OUR PICTURE, BUT WE'RE DUE AT THE STUDIO RIGHT NOW.'

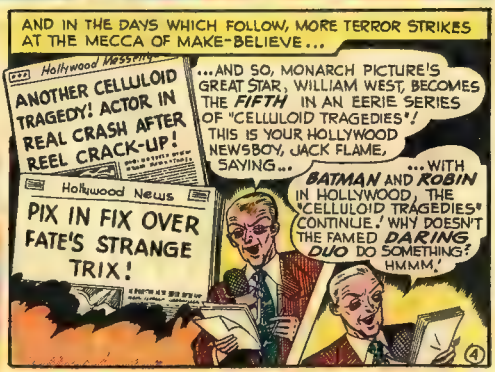

PRESENTLY, AT THE STUDIO...
BOYS, I WANT YOU TO MEET JOHN KENT.' HE'S BEEN A TOP STAR IN HOLLYWOOD FOR YEARS.'
THIS IS A GREAT PLEASURE, MR. KENT.'
AND I'M MORE THAN PLEASED TO MEET BATMAN AND ROBIN.'


SEE THAT TANK? AT THE MOMENT, THEY'RE STIRRING UP A "STORM" IN IT SUFFICIENT TO SINK THAT MODEL SAILBOAT.' THAT'S HOW MY LATEST PICTURE ENDS... I'M DROWNED WHILE OUT SAILING.'
LATER, THEY'LL SHOOT CLOSE-UPS OF JOHN "DROWNING" IN THE TANK, AND ALTERNATE THEM WITH THESE LONG SHOTS OF THE "SINKING SHIP"' ON THE SCREEN. THE WHOLE SCENE WILL APPEAR TO BE TAKING PLACE AT SEA.'


A WEEK LATER...
WHILE THEY'RE SHOOTING SCENES IN WHICH WE DON'T APPEAR, FOR THE "CRIME CRUSHER" SERIES, WE'VE GOT THIS CHANCE TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE CALIFORNIA COUNTRYSIDE.'
SAY-- THAT CROWD LOOKS MIGHTY EXCITED, BATMAN.' I WONDER WHAT'S THE TROUBLE?


IT'S THE WRECKAGE OF THE DOLPHIN.' THAT'S THE NAME OF THE ACTOR JOHN KENT'S SAILBOAT,' AND I SAW HIM SAIL FROM THE NORTH WHARF LAST NIGHT.'
(WHISPER) JOHN KENT.' HE JUST FINISHED A MOVIE IN WHICH HE WAS DROWNED IN A SAILBOAT.' BATMAN, YOU DON'T SUPPOSE... NO, IT CAN'T BE.'
DOLPHIN

SHORTLY AFTERWARD, AT THE STUDIO...
YES, IT'S TRUE.' KENT WENT FOR A SAIL IN THE DOLPHIN LAST NIGHT, AND THE ONLY NEWS OF HIM HAS BEEN THAT WRECKAGE! IT'S ALMOST CERTAIN HE WAS DROWNED... JUST... JUST AS IN THE PICTURE HE WAS MAKING.'
ANOTHER "CELLULOID TRAGEDY"!' IT'S UNBELIEVABLE, MR. LAND.'


AND IN THE DAYS WHICH FOLLOW, MORE TERROR STRIKES AT THE MECCA OF MAKE-BELIEVE...
Hollywood Headlines
ANOTHER CELLULOID TRAGEDY! ACTOR IN REAL CRASH AFTER REEL CRACK-UP!
Hollywood News
PIX IN FIX OVER FATE'S STRANGE TRIX!
...AND SO, MONARCH PICTURE'S GREAT STAR, WILLIAM WEST, BECOMES THE FIFTH IN AN EERIE SERIES OF "CELLULOID TRAGEDIES"! THIS IS YOUR HOLLYWOOD NEWSBOY, JACK FLAME, SAYING...
...WITH BATMAN AND ROBIN IN HOLLYWOOD, THE "CELLULOID TRAGEDIES" CONTINUE.' WHY DOESN'T THE FAMED DARING DUO DO SOMETHING? HMMM.'

AND ONE DAY, IN THE STUDIO'S PRIVATE PROJECTION ROOM...

I ARRANGED THIS PRIVATE SCREENING OF THE STUDIO'S NEWEST PICTURES, ROBIN, SO THAT WE CAN CHECK ON ACTORS WHO MEET VIOLENT DEATHS IN THEIR CURRENT MOVIES.'

THIS ONE STARS BARRY LOGAN AS A GANGSTER.' THERE HE IS, BEING "TAKEN FOR A RIDE," IN THE FINAL SCENE.'

PRESENTLY...

IT'S A LONG SHOT. BUT WE MAY FIND OUT SOMETHING IF WE KEEP A CLOSE WATCH ON LOGAN.' HE'S WORKING ON STAGE 4 AT THE...

BATMAN — LOOK.' THAT BLACK SEDAN RACING OUT THE MAIN GATE... BARRY LOGAN IS INSIDE, AND HE DOESN'T LOOK HAPPY ABOUT IT.'

SOUND STAGE 4

MOMENTS LATER...

HE'S BEING TOSSED OUT OF THE CAR.' IT'S A RE-ENACTMENT OF THE "RIDE" SCENE, WHICH WE JUST SAW ON THE SCREEN.'

ANOTHER CELLULOID TRAGEDY.' BUT THIS TIME, WE KNOW IT'S NOT AN ACCIDENT.'

WE MAY BE TOO LATE, BATMAN.' THE CURRENT IN THAT RIVER IS SO SWIFT, IT'S ALREADY DRAGGED LOGAN 100 YARDS DOWNSTREAM.'

WAIT, ROBIN.' THERE'S NO ONE IN THAT RIVER FOR US TO SAVE.'

THE STRANDS OF HAIR IN THIS HAT ARE NOT FROM A HUMAN HEAD... THEY'RE HORSE HAIR.' THAT FIGURE WE SAW TOSSED INTO THE RIVER MUST'VE BEEN A DUMMY.' LOOKS LIKE WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF INVESTIGATING TO DO, ROBIN.'

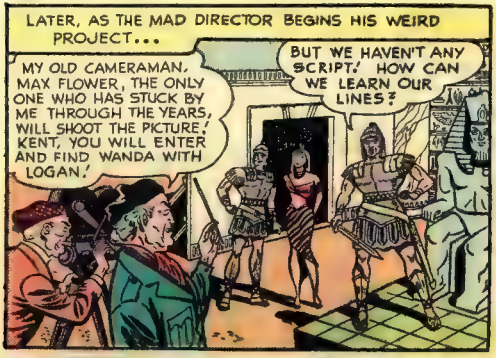
THAT NIGHT...

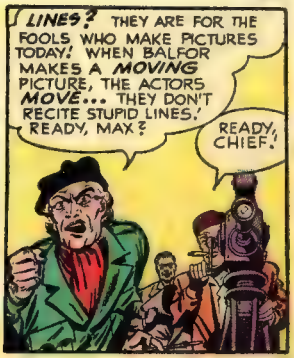
I GOT THIS SHOE FROM THE POLICE... IT'S THE ONE THEY FOUND AFTER THE WARE-VALENTO CRASH.' IT'S WANDA'S SHOE, ALL RIGHT, BUT THE PRINT IN THE CEMENT SHOWS SHE WAS WEARING EVENING PUMPS THAT NIGHT... AND THIS IS A DAYTIME SHOE.'

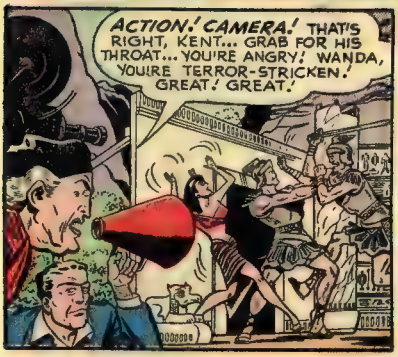
AND SHE GOT IN THE CAR IMMEDIATELY AFTER MAKING THIS PRINT.' WHAT DOES IT MEAN, BATMAN?

WANDA WARE

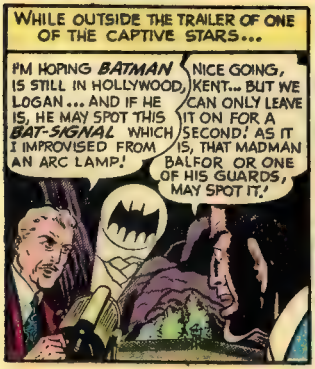
THINK, ROBIN! IN EVERY "CELLULOID TRAGEDY", THE BODIES OF THE VICTIMS HAVE BEEN MISSING! THERE'S NO PROOF THAT THEY ACTUALLY DIED! EVERYONE ASSUMED THEY WERE KILLED, BECAUSE THE TRAGEDIES DUPLICATED FICTIONAL ONES IN WHICH DEATH RESULTED!
THEN IF THE STARS AREN'T DEAD, WHERE ARE THEY? AND WHY DID THEY PRETEND TO DIE?
A GALAXY OF FAMOUS HOLLYWOOD STARS GONE... THEIR MOTIVES FOR THIS MONSTROUS CHARADE UNKNOWN! WHERE ARE THEY NOW? WHY DID THEY DO IT? TO FIND OUT, WE MUST GO TO AN ALMOST INACCESSIBLE VALLEY NESTLED BETWEEN MAMMOTH SNOW-CAPPED MOUNTAINS...
I AM BALFOR— GRIFFIN BALFOR-- AND I HAVE PICKED YOU FOR THE HONOR OF WORKING IN THE FIRST PICTURE TO BE DIRECTED BY ME IN 20 YEARS!
... AND FROM THE FACES WE RECOGNIZE THERE, IT MIGHT ALMOST BE A VALLEY OF GHOSTS!!
WISH I KNEW, KENT! WANDA AND I WERE THE FIRST TO BE BROUGHT HERE... RIGHT AFTER THE PREMIERE OF OUR PICTURE!
I'VE BEEN HERE ALMOST A WEEK NOW, AND NOTHING'S HAPPENED! WHY DO YOU SUPPOSE THEY'RE KEEPING US, VALENTO?
LOOK! THAT MAN... I'VE SEEN HIM SOMEWHERE BEFORE... WHO IS HE?
NO STUDIO WOULD ALLOW ME TO MAKE A PICTURE ON THEIR LOT, NOR PERMIT ME TO USE THEIR STARS, SO I HAD YOU BROUGHT HERE.' SINCE THE WORLD THINKS YOU ARE DEAD, NOBODY WILL COME SEARCHING FOR YOU-- AND ONCE THE PICTURE IS FINISHED, YOU MAY LEAVE.'
YOU ARE ALL STARS, AND YOU WILL BE TREATED AS STARS-- SO LONG AS YOU DO NOT TRY TO ESCAPE.' IF YOU DO, MY FRIEND WITH THE GUN, HERE, WILL MAKE SURE YOU REMAIN-- DEAD OR ALIVE.' DO I MAKE MYSELF CLEAR?

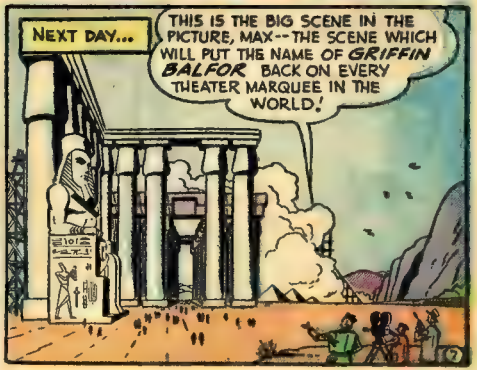

LATER, AS THE MAD DIRECTOR BEGINS HIS WEIRD PROJECT...
MY OLD CAMERAMAN, MAX FLOWER, THE ONLY ONE WHO HAS STUCK BY ME THROUGH THE YEARS, WILL SHOOT THE PICTURE! KENT, YOU WILL ENTER AND FIND WANDA WITH LOGAN!
BUT WE HAVEN'T ANY SCRIPT! HOW CAN WE LEARN OUR LINES?


LINES? THEY ARE FOR THE FOOLS WHO MAKE PICTURES TODAY! WHEN BALFOR MAKES A MOVING PICTURE, THE ACTORS MOVE... THEY DON'T RECITE STUPID LINES! READY, MAX?
READY, CHIEF!

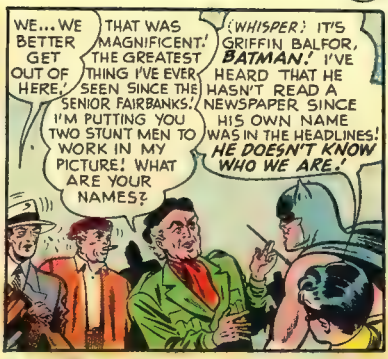

ACTION! CAMERA! THAT'S RIGHT, KENT... GRAB FOR HIS THROAT... YOU'RE ANGRY! WANDA, YOU'RE TERROR-STRICKEN! GREAT! GREAT!

AND THAT NIGHT, IN A LUXURIOUS TRAILER...
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF TODAY'S SHOTS, CHIEF?
SENSATIONAL, MAX! EVEN 20 YEARS HAVE NOT DULLED THE BALFOR GENIUS!


WHILE OUTSIDE THE TRAILER OF ONE OF THE CAPTIVE STARS...
I'M HOPING BATMAN IS STILL IN HOLLYWOOD, LOGAN ... AND IF HE IS, HE MAY SPOT THIS BAT-SIGNAL WHICH I IMPROVISED FROM AN ARC LAMP!
NICE GOING, KENT... BUT WE CAN ONLY LEAVE IT ON FOR A SECOND! AS IT IS, THAT MADMAN BALFOR OR ONE OF HIS GUARDS, MAY SPOT IT!


NEXT DAY...
THIS IS THE BIG SCENE IN THE PICTURE, MAX--THE SCENE WHICH WILL PUT THE NAME OF GRIFFIN BALFOR BACK ON EVERY THEATER MARQUEE IN THE WORLD!

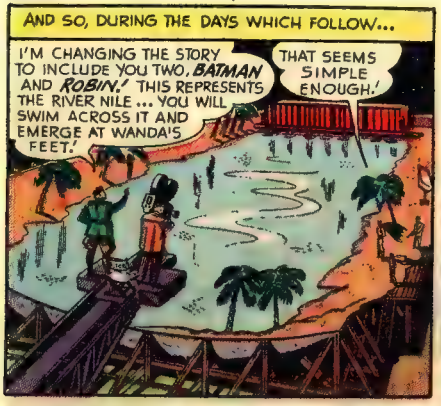
BUT AS THE CAMERAS START GRINDING, TWO AWESOME ACTORS SUDDENLY MAKE AN UNSCHEDULED ENTRANCE...
CHIEF! SOMETHING'S GONE WRONG! LOOK WHAT'S COMING AT US!
MAX, YOU FOOL! DON'T STOP THE CAMERA! THIS IS SENSATIONAL! I WANT EVERY INSTANT OF IT ON FILM!

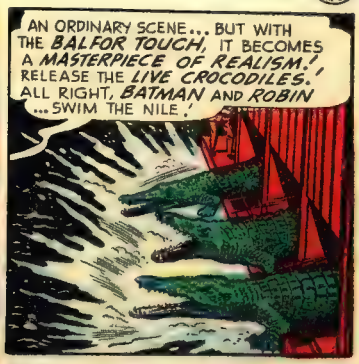

WE... WE BETTER GET OUT OF HERE!
THAT WAS MAGNIFICENT! THE GREATEST THING I'VE EVER SEEN SINCE THE SENIOR FAIRBANKS!
I'M PUTTING YOU TWO STUNT MEN TO WORK IN MY PICTURE! WHAT ARE YOUR NAMES?
(WHISPER) IT'S GRIFFIN BALFOR, BATMAN! I'VE HEARD THAT HE HASN'T READ A NEWSPAPER SINCE HIS OWN NAME WAS IN THE HEADLINES! HE DOESN'T KNOW WHO WE ARE!

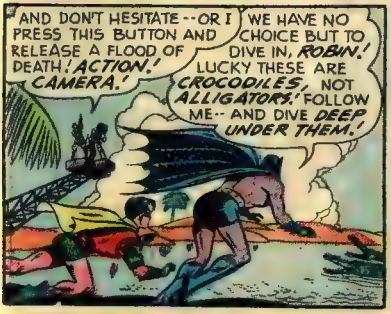
BATMAN! YOU DID SEE OUR SIGNAL!
YES... BUT FOLLOWING IT TO ITS SOURCE TOOK SOME TIME, THROUGH THE WILDERNESS WHICH SURROUNDS THIS VALLEY, MR. KENT! BUT NOW THAT WE'RE HERE, WE'LL SEE THAT YOU ALL RETURN SAFELY!

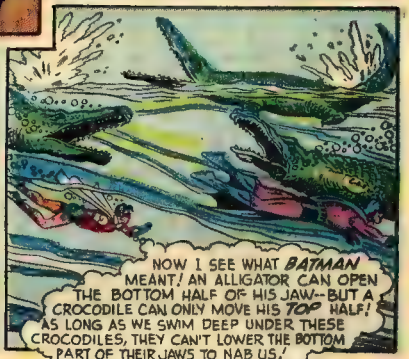
NO YOU DON'T! I PREPARED FOR JUST SUCH AN EMERGENCY! MAKE ONE MOVE TO LEAVE THIS VALLEY--ANY OF YOU--AND I PRESS THIS BUTTON! IT WILL BRING DEATH TO EVERYONE! COME, I WILL SHOW YOU WHAT I MEAN!

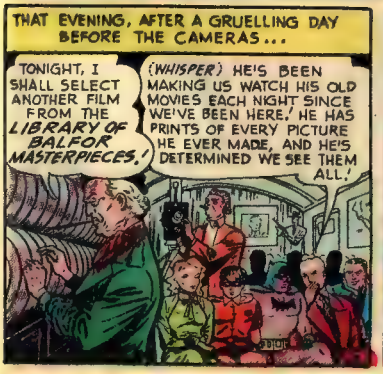
AND AT BALFOR'S LAVISH TRAILER...
I GIVE YOU ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF BALFOR PLANNING! BEFORE BRINGING YOU HERE, I PLANTED A CHARGE OF DYNAMITE IN THE BASE OF THE DAM LOCATED AT THE HEAD OF THE VALLEY! IT CAN BE SET OFF BY REMOTE RADIO CONTROL FROM THIS TINY TRANSMITTER! ONE FALSE MOVE BY ANY OF YOU, AND I RELEASE TONS OF WATER!
LAKE
DAM
EXPLOSIVE
VALLEY

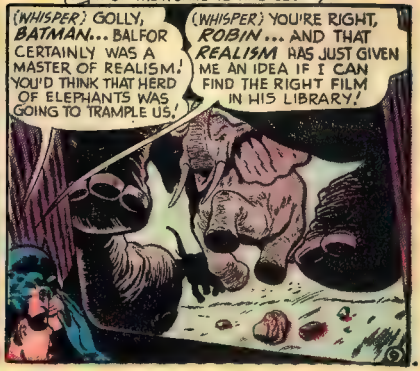

AND SO, DURING THE DAYS WHICH FOLLOW...
I'M CHANGING THE STORY TO INCLUDE YOU TWO, BATMAN AND ROBIN.' THIS REPRESENTS THE RIVER NILE... YOU WILL SWIM ACROSS IT AND EMERGE AT WANDA'S FEET.'
THAT SEEMS SIMPLE ENOUGH.'


AN ORDINARY SCENE... BUT WITH THE BALFOR TOUCH, IT BECOMES A MASTERPIECE OF REALISM.' RELEASE THE LIVE CROCODILES. ALL RIGHT, BATMAN AND ROBIN ...SWIM THE NILE.'

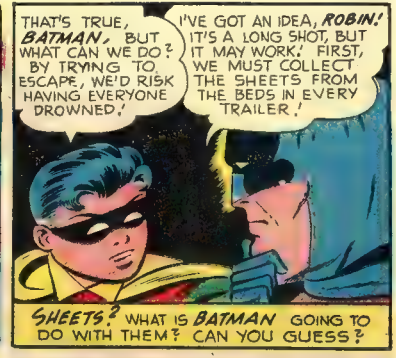

AND DON'T HESITATE--OR I PRESS THIS BUTTON AND RELEASE A FLOOD OF DEATH! ACTION.' CAMERA.'
WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO DIVE IN, ROBIN.' LUCKY THESE ARE CROCODILES, NOT ALLIGATORS.' FOLLOW ME-- AND DIVE DEEP UNDER THEM.'

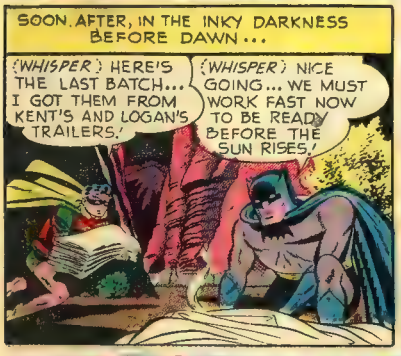

NOW I SEE WHAT BATMAN MEANT.' AN ALLIGATOR CAN OPEN THE BOTTOM HALF OF HIS JAW--BUT A CROCODILE CAN ONLY MOVE HIS TOP HALF! AS LONG AS WE SWIM DEEP UNDER THESE CROCODILES, THEY CAN'T LOWER THE BOTTOM PART OF THEIR JAWS TO NAB US.'

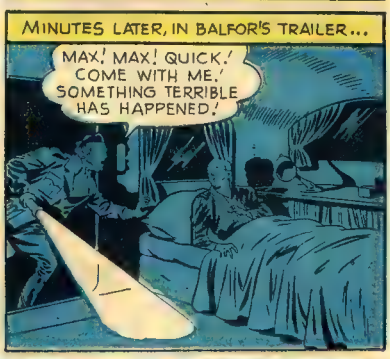

THAT EVENING, AFTER A GRUELLING DAY BEFORE THE CAMERAS...
TONIGHT, I SHALL SELECT ANOTHER FILM FROM THE LIBRARY OF BALFOR MASTERPIECES.'
(WHISPER) HE'S BEEN MAKING US WATCH HIS OLD MOVIES EACH NIGHT SINCE WE'VE BEEN HERE.' HE HAS PRINTS OF EVERY PICTURE HE EVER MADE, AND HE'S DETERMINED WE SEE THEM ALL.'

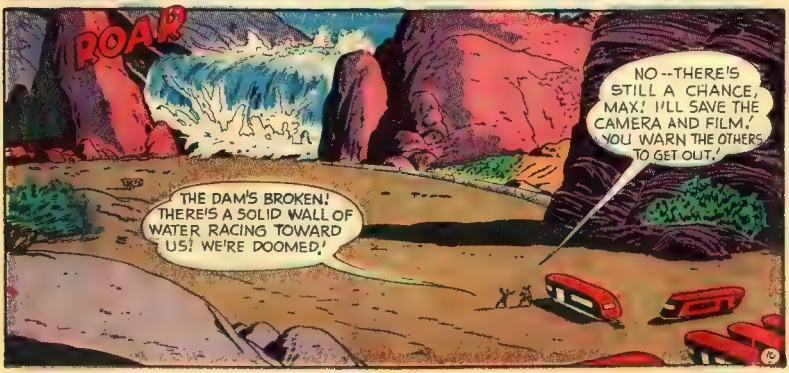

(WHISPER) GOLLY, BATMAN... BALFOR CERTAINLY WAS A MASTER OF REALISM.' YOU'D THINK THAT HERD OF ELEPHANTS WAS GOING TO TRAMPLE US.'
(WHISPER) YOU'RE RIGHT, ROBIN... AND THAT REALISM HAS JUST GIVEN ME AN IDEA IF I CAN FIND THE RIGHT FILM IN HIS LIBRARY.'

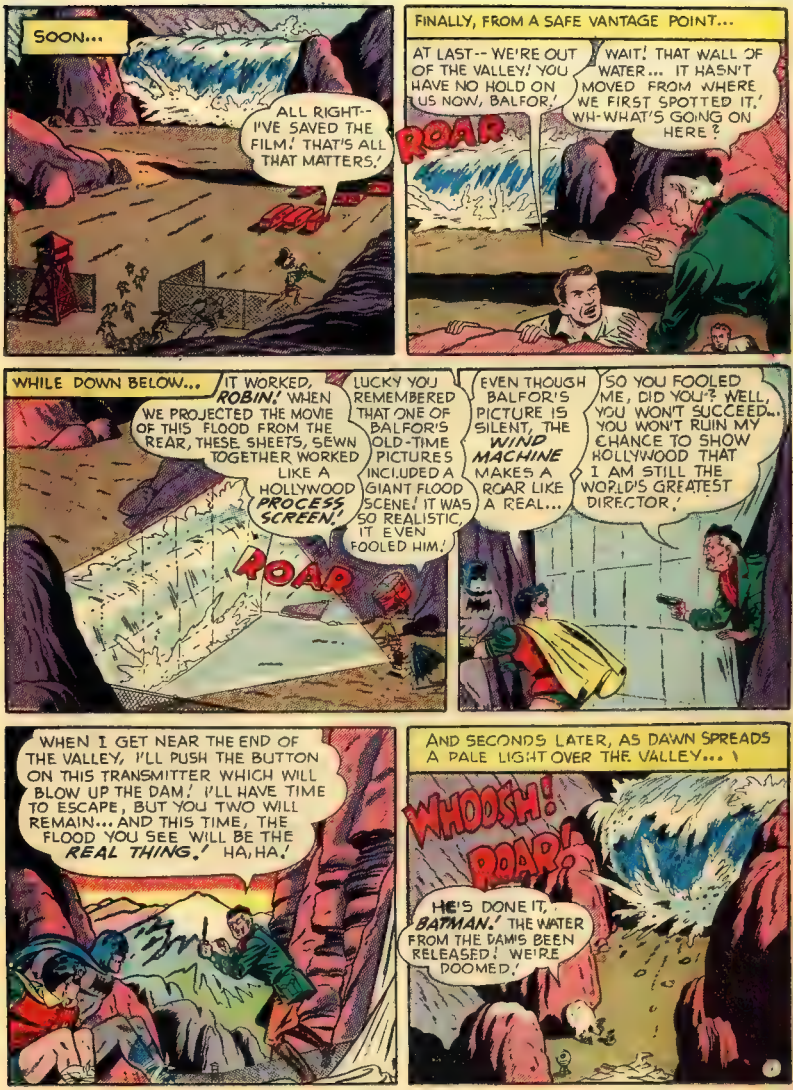
LATER, WHILE EVERYONE SLEEPS...
IF WE STEP TOO CLOSE TO THAT FENCE, BALFOR WILL SPOT US AND BLOW UP THE DAM! HE KEEPS A CONSTANT VIGIL FROM THAT TOWER.'
YET, IF HE KEEPS ON DRIVING THE ACTORS THE WAY HE HAS BEEN, THEY'LL SOON COLLAPSE WITH SERIOUS HARM TO THEIR HEALTH.'

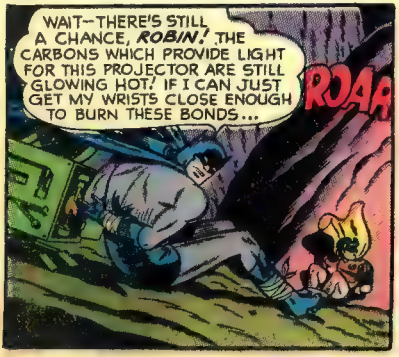

THAT'S TRUE, BATMAN, BUT WHAT CAN WE DO? BY TRYING TO ESCAPE, WE'D RISK HAVING EVERYONE DROWNED.'
I'VE GOT AN IDEA, ROBIN! IT'S A LONG SHOT, BUT IT MAY WORK.' FIRST, WE MUST COLLECT THE SHEETS FROM THE BEDS IN EVERY TRAILER.'
SHEETS? WHAT IS BATMAN GOING TO DO WITH THEM? CAN YOU GUESS?

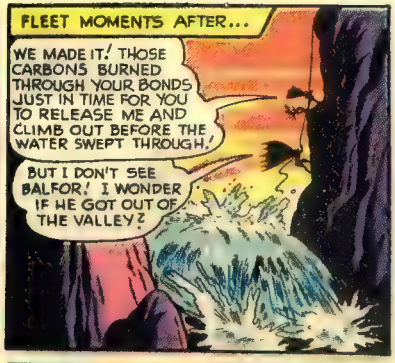

SOON AFTER, IN THE INKY DARKNESS BEFORE DAWN...
(WHISPER) HERE'S THE LAST BATCH... I GOT THEM FROM KENT'S AND LOGAN'S TRAILERS.'
(WHISPER) NICE GOING... WE MUST WORK FAST NOW TO BE READY BEFORE THE SUN RISES.'

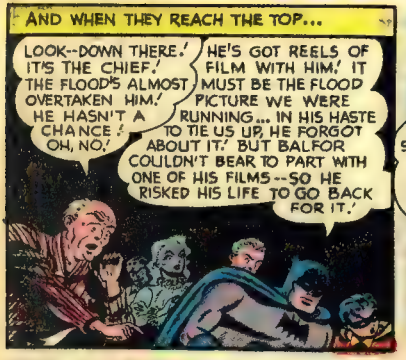

MINUTES LATER, IN BALFOR'S TRAILER...
MAX! MAX! QUICK.' COME WITH ME.' SOMETHING TERRIBLE HAS HAPPENED.'

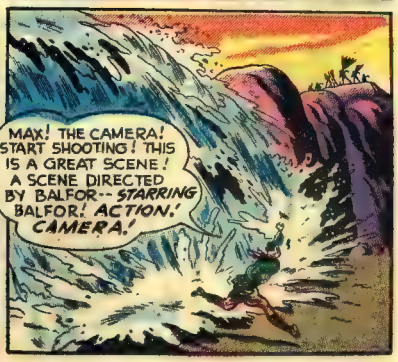

ROAR
NO--THERE'S STILL A CHANCE, MAX! I'LL SAVE THE CAMERA AND FILM.' YOU WARN THE OTHERS TO GET OUT.'
THE DAM'S BROKEN! THERE'S A SOLID WALL OF WATER RACING TOWARD US! WE'RE DOOMED.'

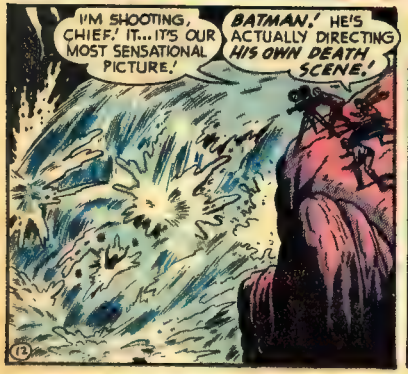

SOON...
ALL RIGHT-- I'VE SAVED THE FILM! THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS.'
FINALLY, FROM A SAFE VANTAGE POINT...
AT LAST-- WE'RE OUT OF THE VALLEY! YOU HAVE NO HOLD ON US NOW, BALFOR!
ROAR
WAIT! THAT WALL OF WATER... IT HASN'T MOVED FROM WHERE WE FIRST SPOTTED IT. WH-WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
WHILE DOWN BELOW...
IT WORKED, ROBIN! WHEN WE PROJECTED THE MOVIE OF THIS FLOOD FROM THE REAR, THESE SHEETS, SEWN TOGETHER WORKED LIKE A HOLLYWOOD PROCESS SCREEN!
LUCKY YOU REMEMBERED THAT ONE OF BALFOR'S OLD-TIME PICTURES INCLUDED A GIANT FLOOD SCENE! IT WAS SO REALISTIC, IT EVEN FOOLED HIM!
ROAR
EVEN THOUGH BALFOR'S PICTURE IS SILENT, THE WIND MACHINE MAKES A ROAR LIKE A REAL...
SO YOU FOOLED ME, DID YOU? WELL, YOU WON'T SUCCEED.. YOU WON'T RUIN MY CHANCE TO SHOW HOLLYWOOD THAT I AM STILL THE WORLD'S GREATEST DIRECTOR.'
WHEN I GET NEAR THE END OF THE VALLEY, I'LL PUSH THE BUTTON ON THIS TRANSMITTER WHICH WILL BLOW UP THE DAM! I'LL HAVE TIME TO ESCAPE, BUT YOU TWO WILL REMAIN... AND THIS TIME, THE FLOOD YOU SEE WILL BE THE REAL THING.' HA, HA!
AND SECONDS LATER, AS DAWN SPREADS A PALE LIGHT OVER THE VALLEY...
WHOOSH!
ROAR!
HE'S DONE IT, BATMAN.' THE WATER FROM THE DAM'S BEEN RELEASED! WE'RE DOOMED!


WAIT--THERE'S STILL A CHANCE, ROBIN! THE CARBONS WHICH PROVIDE LIGHT FOR THIS PROJECTOR ARE STILL GLOWING HOT! IF I CAN JUST GET MY WRISTS CLOSE ENOUGH TO BURN THESE BONDS...
ROAR


FLEET MOMENTS AFTER...
WE MADE IT! THOSE CARBONS BURNED THROUGH YOUR BONDS JUST IN TIME FOR YOU TO RELEASE ME AND CLIMB OUT BEFORE THE WATER SWEPT THROUGH!
BUT I DON'T SEE BALFOR! I WONDER IF HE GOT OUT OF THE VALLEY?


AND WHEN THEY REACH THE TOP...
LOOK--DOWN THERE! IT'S THE CHIEF! THE FLOOD'S ALMOST OVERTAKEN HIM! HE HASN'T A CHANCE! OH, NO!
HE'S GOT REELS OF FILM WITH HIM! IT MUST BE THE FLOOD PICTURE WE WERE RUNNING... IN HIS HASTE TO TIE US UP, HE FORGOT ABOUT IT! BUT BALFOR COULDN'T BEAR TO PART WITH ONE OF HIS FILMS--SO HE RISKED HIS LIFE TO GO BACK FOR IT!


MAX! THE CAMERA! START SHOOTING! THIS IS A GREAT SCENE! A SCENE DIRECTED BY BALFOR--STARRING BALFOR! ACTION! CAMERA!


I'M SHOOTING, CHIEF! IT...IT'S OUR MOST SENSATIONAL PICTURE!
BATMAN! HE'S ACTUALLY DIRECTING HIS OWN DEATH SCENE!
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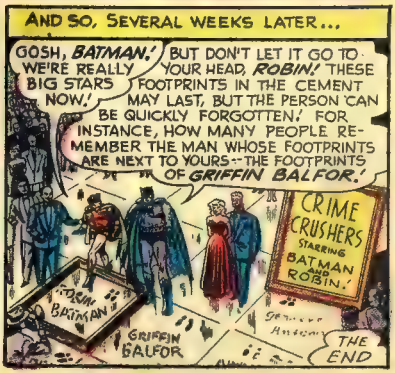
AND SO, SEVERAL WEEKS LATER...
GOSH, BATMAN! WE'RE REALLY BIG STARS NOW!
BUT DON'T LET IT GO TO YOUR HEAD, ROBIN! THESE FOOTPRINTS IN THE CEMENT MAY LAST, BUT THE PERSON CAN BE QUICKLY FORGOTTEN! FOR INSTANCE, HOW MANY PEOPLE REMEMBER THE MAN WHOSE FOOTPRINTS ARE NEXT TO YOURS--THE FOOTPRINTS OF GRIFFIN BALFOR!
CRIME CRUSHERS STARRING BATMAN AND ROBIN!
BATMAN
ROBIN
GRIFFIN BALFOR
THE END

Captain Tootsie
and his
VACATION-TIME PALS
BY BILL SCHREIBER
THIS IS IT, BOYS! THE ALLENHURST BEACH CLUB AND THE BIG RACE IN THE PAPERWEIGHT DIVISION! NOW REMEMBER WHAT I TOLD YOU, PETER AND JOE, BODY OUT FLAT-CHURN STROKES FORWARD BREATHE THROUGH MOUTH-EXHALE THROUGH NOSE! TAKE A TOOTSIE ROLL FOR EXTRA ENERGY-NOW GO OUT THERE AND WIN!
GOOD START!
GO!
HA, HA, THEY HAVEN'T A CHANCE AGAINST LAST YEAR'S CHAMP!
COME ON, PETER! JOE! YOU CAN WIN!
AT THE 40 YARD MARK JOE TRAILS THE CHAMP BY 2 STROKES
HURRY JOE!
COME ON PETER!
THE CHAMP IS GAINING!
INHALE THROUGH THE MOUTH, JOE!
HURRAY! JOE IS NEW CHAMP!
... AND LOOK WHO'S RIGHT BEHIND HIM, PETER!
ALLENHURST BEACH
PUFF PUFF
WELL DONE, BOYS! I AM PROUD OF YOU!
YOU TAUGHT US HOW, CAPTAIN TOOTSIE!
CAPTAIN TOOTSIE, YOU SURE TOOK ME BY SURPRISE! I THOUGHT YOUR BOYS HAD NO CHANCE... AND HERE THEY COME IN ONE, TWO! CONGRATULATIONS, FELLOWS!
TOOTSIE ROLLS... AND PLENTY OF PRACTISE, AND MORE PRACTISE DID THE TRICK! NEXT TRAINING SESSION TOMORROW AT TEN-WILL YOU ALL BE THERE?
YOU BET WE WILL!
Tootsie POPS 2¢
CHERRY CHOCOLATE ORANGE LEMON LIME
DELICIOUS CHEWY TOOTSIE ROLL CENTER
BOYS, GIRLS-MAKE YOUR FAVORITE CANDY, THE CHEWY, CHOCOLATY TOOTSIE ROLL... AND M-M-M TOOTSIE POPS!
Tootsie Roll
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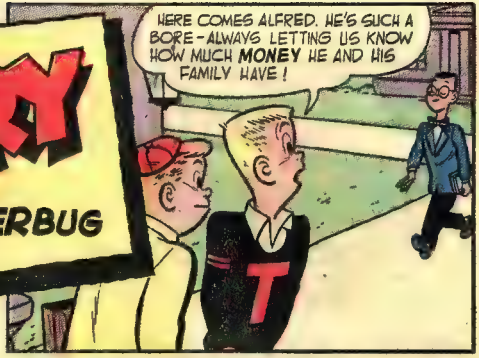
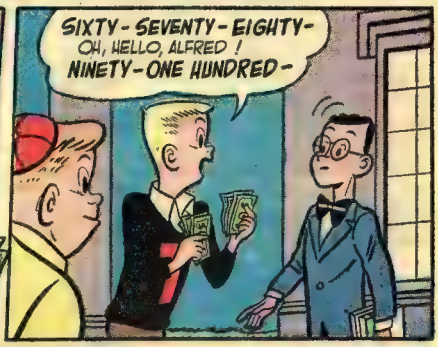
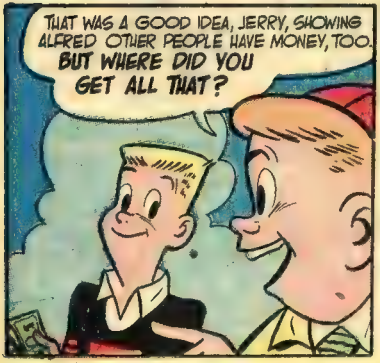
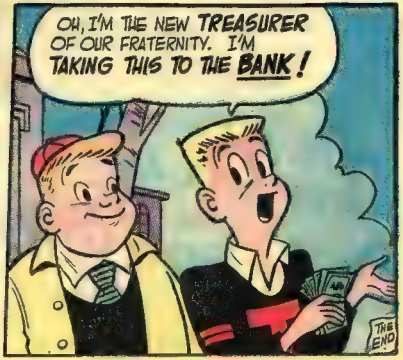
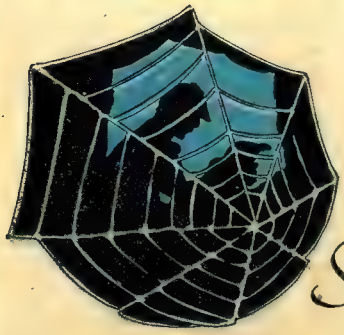
JERRY THE JITTERBUG











Script Sleuths

THERE are many mysteries in the world, and not all of them are criminal. There are likewise, many kinds of detectives; and not the least among them are historians, scientists, and explorers.

Of particular interest are the manuscript sleuths, men whose main goal is to trace the origin of literature These men are scholars who are primarily concerned with such problems as who originated King Arthur and his Knights? Where did the story of Romeo and Juliet come from?

The exact sources, authors and original manuscripts in many cases have been lost, but names and stories have lived through the centuries. Did you ever wonder how old some of these stories really are, or who wrote them?

Scholars have to solve these mysteries much in the same fashion as the criminal detective. They trace paper, old files and court records, inks, types of print and so on. Often, these searches take them through many countries, across oceans on exciting adventures. These men must know the techniques of forgery and be able to detect them. They must have an exact knowledge of facts, so they can judge whether their conclusions are possible or not.

Fires, dampness, and so forth have often destroyed files, records, manuscripts and memoranda from the past. Where then do we get our facts about literature and history?

We can thank these script sleuths who investigate even the smallest bit of information. Most of them are teachers. They delve into history to unearth information which adds greatly to the world's knowledge.

One investigation which was particularly fascinating was the discovery of James Boswell's papers. James Boswell lived in England from 1740 to 1795 and is famed as the biographer of the English writer, Samuel Johnson. However, many scholars have long believed that Boswell wrote other things which could never be found.

In Boswell's will, there was a provision concerning a cabinet which con-

tained his letters, diary and journal. He asked three friends to go through these papers and publish what they saw fit. However, during their lifetime nothing was printed. Boswell's descendants were not proud of him, since his reputation had been anything but savory. His heirs were more than willing to let sleeping dogs lie, less more of his exploits be made public to scandalize the family.

Finally, in the 1840's an English traveler in France made a purchase which was wrapped in letters signed by James Boswell. Fortunately, this man realized their value and his find started scholars investigating the possibility of other material. However, Boswell's family would not admit that there were any papers in the cabinet or anywhere else.

Later in the 1920's, a Yale University professor was finally allowed to look into the cabinet at Malahide Castle in Ireland, the home of Boswell's heir, Lord Talbot. He saw the lost papers, and at last scholars knew that the papers did exist and had not been destroyed as the Boswell family had led people to believe.

More papers were discovered in Scotland, and finally, after 20 years, they were all collected and the family permitted them to be published. So almost two centuries after Boswell's death, his many writings are just now coming before the public. Thus ended a truly fabulous mystery.

These scholars, such as in the Boswell case, experience adventures in their hunts that are as exciting as any detective tracking down an elusive criminal. There are many blocks in the path of historical research; there are always contradictions, obscurities, and actually lost periods of time. Also, there were people who falsified, distorted, forged and even destroyed records.

Another story of equal fascination is the one about Sir Thomas Mallory who wrote a story about King Arthur. The tradition of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table is probably more than 800 years old. The first English edition of the book came out in 1485 called *Morte Darthur* by Sir Thomas Mallory.

Mallory was supposed to have translated it from the French. And that is all anyone knew about Mallory or the book. We knew nothing about him until about 50 years ago. Now, it is known that Mallory wrote his book while in prison. In fact, he spent much of his life in one jail or another for many crimes.

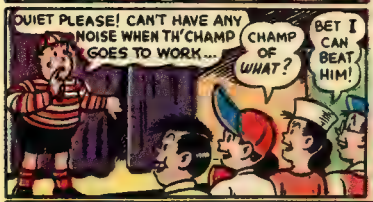
Isn't it odd that such a man would record the stories of chivalry and good deeds when he himself was dishonest? But the mystery of Mallory was indeed a strange one, for it took centuries of investigation before scholars knew anything about the author of *Morte Darthur* except his name.

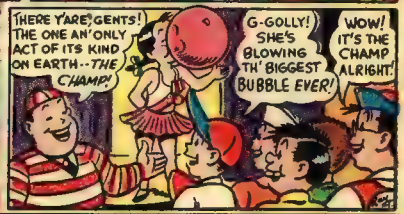
And so these literary detectives go on from one generation to another, attempting to authenticate works of art, so that the history of literature, the authors, and literature itself will be much clearer and more exciting for modern readers.

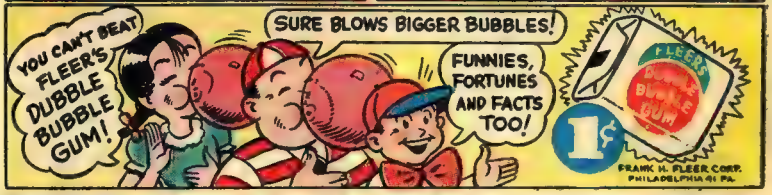
—B. Fairbanks

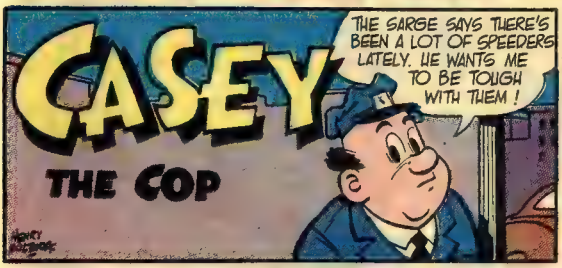
STEP RIGHT UP, FOLKS-SEE TH' GREATEST LITTLE SHOW ON EARTH! HAVE YOUR WRAPPERS READY!
I WONDER WHAT PUD HAS INSIDE?
ADMISSION 1 DUBBLE BUBBLE WRAPPERS

LET'S GO! TH' BIG SHOW'S ABOUT TO START- SEE THE CHAMP IN ACTION!
BET IT'S A FAKE!
LET'S FIND OUT! HERE'S MY WRAPPERS
WHAT CHAMP?

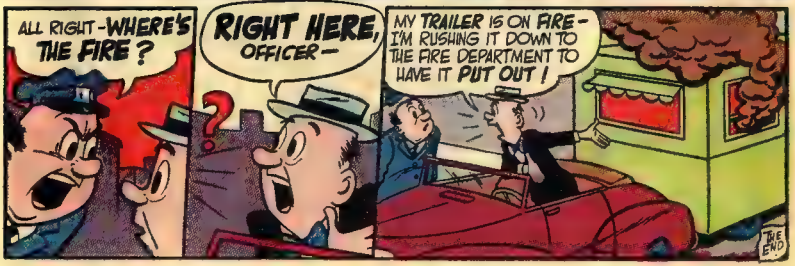

QUIET PLEASE! CAN'T HAVE ANY NOISE WHEN TH' CHAMP GOES TO WORK...
CHAMP OF WHAT?
BET I CAN BEAT HIM!


THERE Y'ARE, GENTS! THE ONE AN' ONLY ACT OF ITS KIND ON EARTH--THE CHAMP!
G-GOLLY! SHE'S BLOWING TH' BIGGEST BUBBLE EVER!
WOW! IT'S THE CHAMP ALRIGHT!


YOU CAN'T BEAT FLEER'S DUBBLE BUBBLE GUM!
SURE BLOWS BIGGER BUBBLES!
FUNNIES, FORTUNES AND FACTS TOO!
FLEER'S DUBBLE BUBBLE GUM
1¢
FRANK H. FLEER CORP. PHILADELPHIA 41 PA.


CASEY
THE COP
THE SARGE SAYS THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF SPEEDERS LATELY. HE WANTS ME TO BE TOUGH WITH THEM!

THERE'S ONE COMING AROUND THE CORNER - STOP- YOU!


ALL RIGHT-WHERE'S THE FIRE?
RIGHT HERE, OFFICER--
MY TRAILER IS ON FIRE- I'M RUSHING IT DOWN TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO HAVE IT PUT OUT!
THE END

NO FOOLIN'

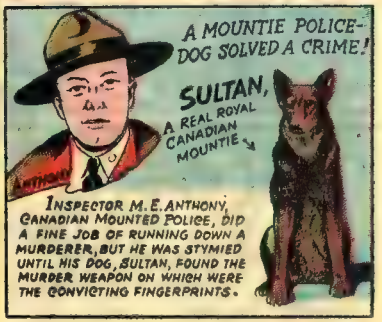
THE ROUGHEST, TOUGHEST RODEO OF THEM ALL IS PUT ON DOWN IN HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS, EACH FALL BY CONVICTS OF THE STATE PENITENTIARY. AFTER ALL, WHAT DOES A MAN SERVING A LIFE SENTENCE HAVE TO LOSE?

THERE IS NO REGARD FOR PERSONAL SAFETY. INSTEAD OF A WILD-COW MILKING CONTEST, THESE BOYS GO THE OTHER RODEOS ONE BETTER AND STAGE A WILD-MARE MILKING CONTEST.

THIS BOSTON WOOD WORKER HAS MADE A FORTUNE TURNING OUT CLUBS FOR POLICE ALL OVER THE U.S. CLUBS MUST BE MADE OF A SPECIAL SOUTH AMERICAN WOOD. (COCOBOLO)

Stanley WALLACH

A MOUNTIE POLICE-DOG SOLVED A CRIME!



INSPECTOR M. E. ANTHONY, CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE, DID A FINE JOB OF RUNNING DOWN A MURDERER, BUT HE WAS STYMIED UNTIL HIS DOG, SULTAN, FOUND THE MURDER WEAPON ON WHICH WERE THE CONVICTING FINGERPRINTS.

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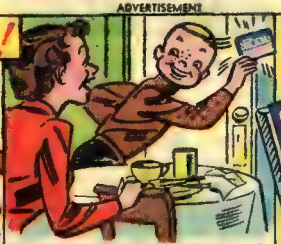

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BATMAN
AND
ROBIN
-THE BOY WONDER-
SOME DAY, BATMAN'S MUSCLES WILL BE TIRED. SOME DAY, BATMAN WILL BE OLD, AND THEN, BATMAN WILL AND MUST RETIRE!! IT IS ONLY LOGICAL THEN THAT ROBIN, A BOY NO LONGER, WOULD BECOME BATMAN'S SUCCESSOR...BATMAN II THAT WILL BE AN EVENTFUL DAY... AND WE'RE GOING TO SHOW THAT DAY TO YOU RIGHT NOW! MORE THAN THAT, YOU'LL MEET THE SON OF DICK GRAYSON, THE MAN ... A SON WHO WILL INHERIT THE GARB OF HIS PARENT SO THAT TOGETHER THEY FORM THE FATHER-SON TEAM OF ...
"BATMAN II and ROBIN, JUNIOR!"
BOB KANE
YOU SENT FOR US, POLICE COMMISSIONER BATMAN?
YES! WE NEED THE HELP OF BATMAN II AND ROBIN, JUNIOR!

ONCE AGAIN THAT EERIE BEAM OF LIGHT, THE BAT-SIGNAL, FLASHES ACROSS THE SKYLINE OF GOTHAM CITY TO SUMMON BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON, INTO FIGHTING RAIMENT...
WE'RE BEING PAGED AGAIN!
COME ON, DICK... INTO YOUR ACTION CLOTHES!
CLAD AS THE WORLD-FAMED TEAM OF BATMAN AND ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER, THE DUO IS GREETED BY POLICE COMMISSIONER, GORDON ATOP POLICE HEADQUARTERS...
I JUST GOT A TIP WHERE FOXY FENTON IS HIDING OUT!
GOOD! WE'VE BEEN AFTER THAT CROOK FOR MONTHS.
LATER...
FOXY FENTON IS TRICKY, SO I'LL TACKLE HIM! YOU GO AFTER HIS STOOGE! THAT'S AN ORDER!
RIGHT!
AS THEY CRASH INTO THE HIDEOUT...
FOXY'S REALLY OFF GUARD...AND WIDE-OPEN FOR A RIGHT HOOK! BATMAN WON'T MIND IF I DISOBEY HIM THIS ONCE!
WHAT...?? BATMAN AND ROBIN!
BUT AS ROBIN DARTS FORWARD... SUDDENLY!
OW!
SNAP
SAP!
ROBIN! THAT RECKLESS KID HAS GOTTEN HIMSELF INTO TROUBLE!
IN JUST ONE MINUTE, IT'LL BE TWO AGAINST BATMAN!
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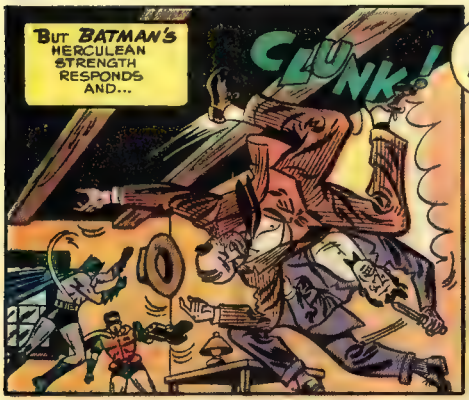
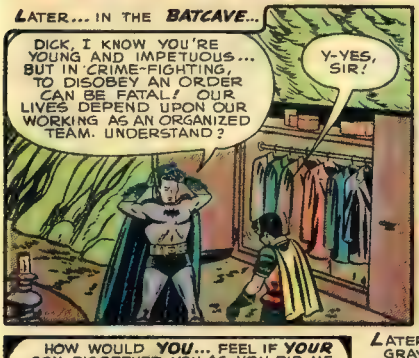
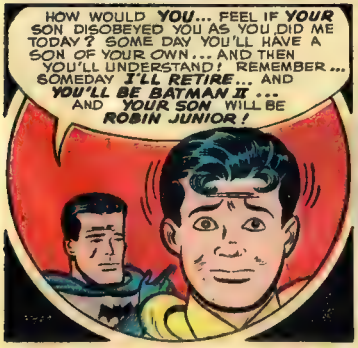
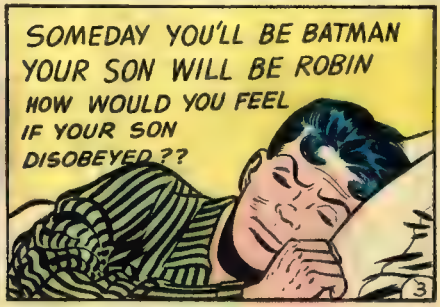


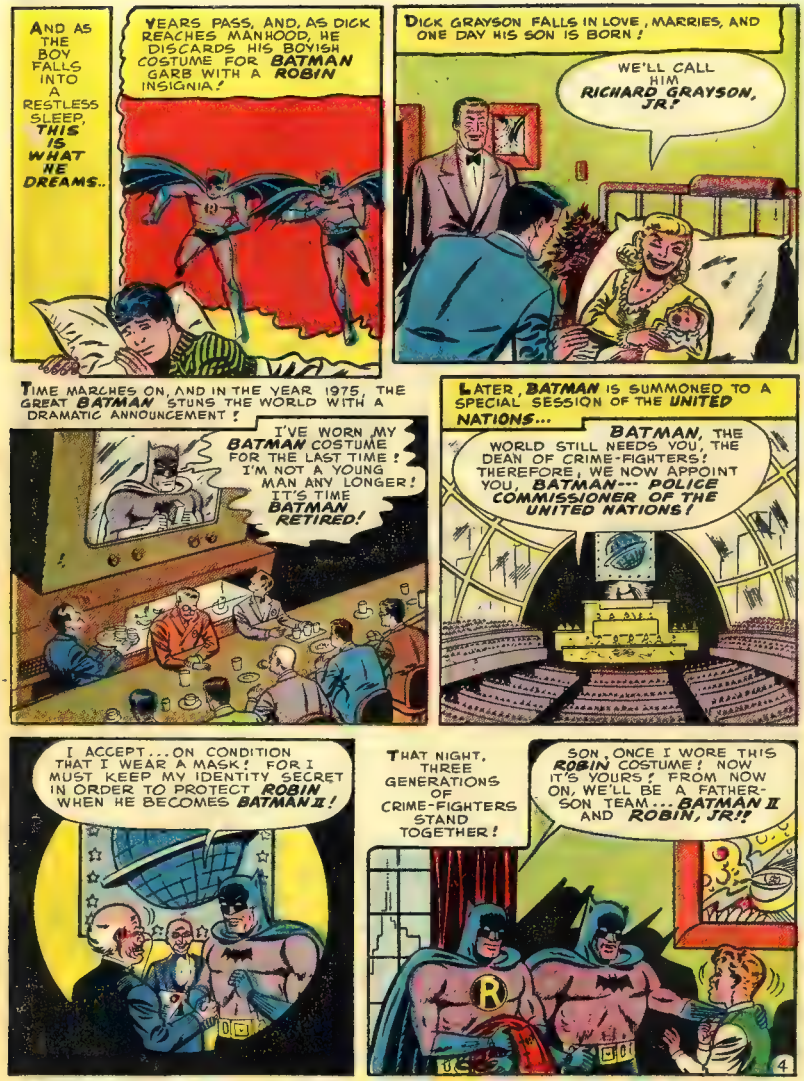
GEE, THANKS, BATMAN! I... I GUESS I MADE A WRONG MOVE...
YES! BY NOT OBEYING ORDERS, YOU ALMOST GOT YOURSELF KILLED!
I'LL-SPEAK-TO-YOU-AT-HOME, YOUNG-MAN!

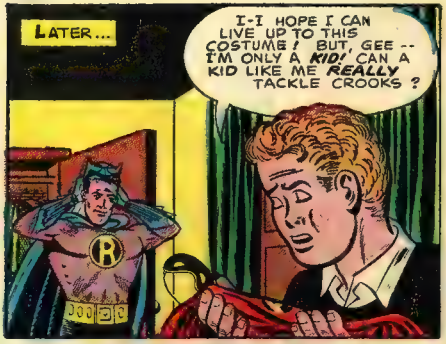

LATER... IN THE BATCAVE...
DICK, I KNOW YOU'RE YOUNG AND IMPETUOUS... BUT IN CRIME-FIGHTING, TO DISOBEY AN ORDER CAN BE FATAL! OUR LIVES DEPEND UPON OUR WORKING AS AN ORGANIZED TEAM. UNDERSTAND?
Y-YES, SIR!

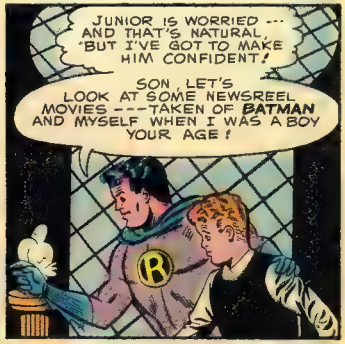

HOW WOULD YOU... FEEL IF YOUR SON DISOBEYED YOU AS YOU DID ME TODAY? SOME DAY YOU'LL HAVE A SON OF YOUR OWN... AND THEN YOU'LL UNDERSTAND! REMEMBER... SOMEDAY I'LL RETIRE... AND YOU'LL BE BATMAN II... AND YOUR SON WILL BE ROBIN JUNIOR!

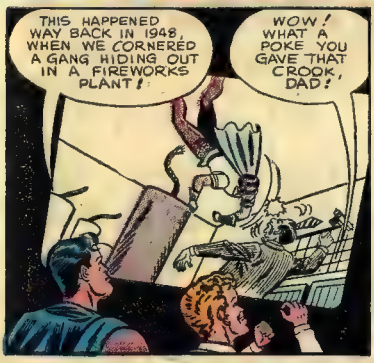
LATER, THOSE WORDS REMAIN WITH DICK GRAYSON, AND IN HIS TROUBLED THOUGHTS, HE SEEMS TO HEAR THEM OVER AND OVER AGAIN..

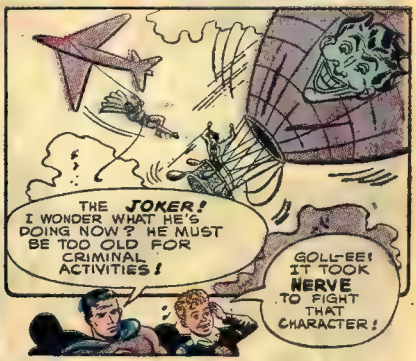


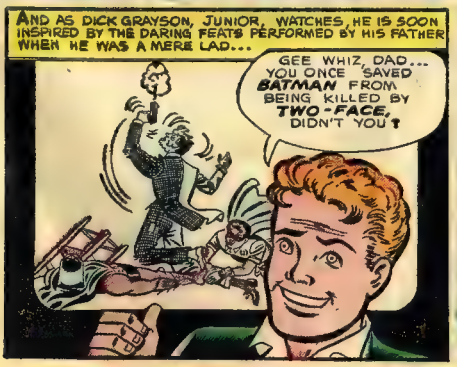

AND AS THE BOY FALLS INTO A RESTLESS SLEEP, THIS IS WHAT HE DREAMS..
YEARS PASS, AND, AS DICK REACHES MANHOOD, HE DISCARDS HIS BOYISH COSTUME FOR BATMAN GARB WITH A ROBIN INSIGNIA!
DICK GRAYSON FALLS IN LOVE, MARRIES, AND ONE DAY HIS SON IS BORN!
WE'LL CALL HIM RICHARD GRAYSON, JR.!
TIME MARCHES ON, AND IN THE YEAR 1975, THE GREAT BATMAN STUNS THE WORLD WITH A DRAMATIC ANNOUNCEMENT!
I'VE WORN MY BATMAN COSTUME FOR THE LAST TIME! I'M NOT A YOUNG MAN ANY LONGER! IT'S TIME BATMAN RETIRED!
LATER, BATMAN IS SUMMONED TO A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS...
BATMAN, THE WORLD STILL NEEDS YOU, THE DEAN OF CRIME-FIGHTERS! THEREFORE, WE NOW APPOINT YOU, BATMAN--- POLICE COMMISSIONER OF THE UNITED NATIONS!
I ACCEPT...ON CONDITION THAT I WEAR A MASK! FOR I MUST KEEP MY IDENTITY SECRET IN ORDER TO PROTECT ROBIN WHEN HE BECOMES BATMAN II!
THAT NIGHT, THREE GENERATIONS OF CRIME-FIGHTERS STAND TOGETHER!
SON, ONCE I WORE THIS ROBIN COSTUME! NOW IT'S YOURS! FROM NOW ON, WE'LL BE A FATHER-SON TEAM...BATMAN II AND ROBIN, JR.!


LATER...
I-I HOPE I CAN LIVE UP TO THIS COSTUME! BUT, GEE -- I'M ONLY A KID! CAN A KID LIKE ME REALLY TACKLE CROOKS?

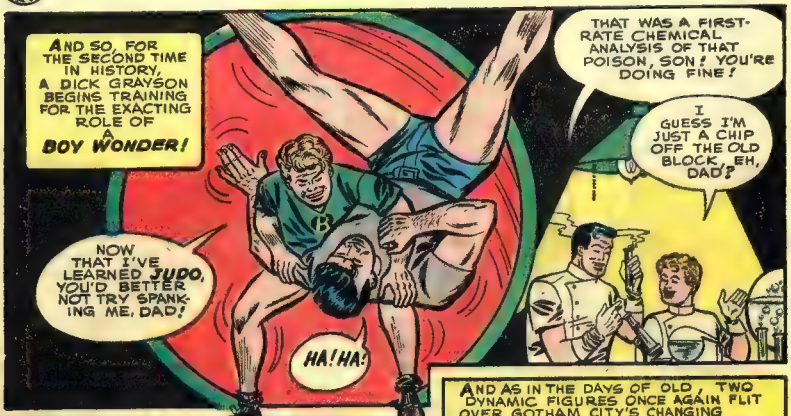

JUNIOR IS WORRIED --- AND THAT'S NATURAL. BUT I'VE GOT TO MAKE HIM CONFIDENT!
SON, LET'S LOOK AT SOME NEWSREEL MOVIES ---TAKEN OF BATMAN AND MYSELF WHEN I WAS A BOY YOUR AGE!

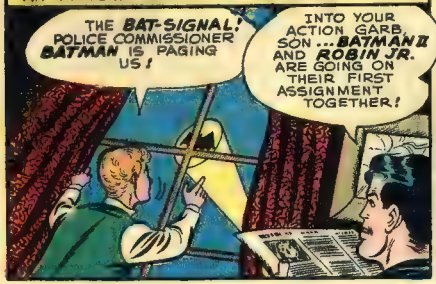

THIS HAPPENED WAY BACK IN 1948, WHEN WE CORNERED A GANG HIDING OUT IN A FIREWORKS PLANT!
WOW! WHAT A POKE YOU GAVE THAT CROOK, DAD!

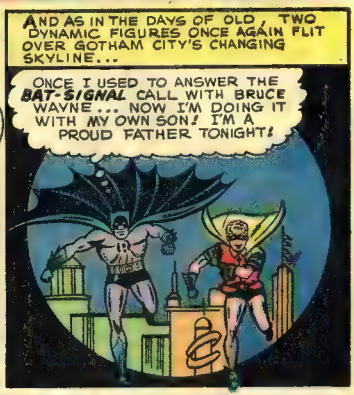

THE JOKER! I WONDER WHAT HE'S DOING NOW? HE MUST BE TOO OLD FOR CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES!
GOLL-EE! IT TOOK NERVE TO FIGHT THAT CHARACTER!

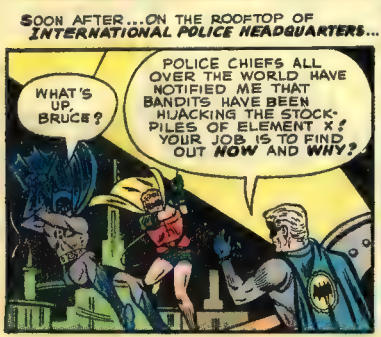

AND AS DICK GRAYSON, JUNIOR, WATCHES, HE IS SOON INSPIRED BY THE DARING FEATS PERFORMED BY HIS FATHER WHEN HE WAS A MERE LAD...
GEE WHIZ, DAD... YOU ONCE SAVED BATMAN FROM BEING KILLED BY TWO-FACE, DIDN'T YOU?

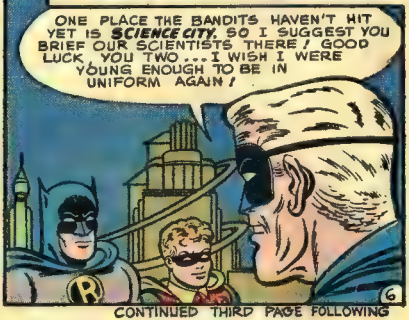
DAD, IF YOU DID ALL THAT, MAYBE I CAN DO IT, TOO!
SURE YOU CAN, SON! AFTER ALL BOY WONDERS KIND OF RUN IN THE GRAYSON FAMILY!


AND SO, FOR THE SECOND TIME IN HISTORY, A DICK GRAYSON BEGINS TRAINING FOR THE EXACTING ROLE OF A BOY WONDER!
NOW THAT I'VE LEARNED JUDO, YOU'D BETTER NOT TRY SPANKING ME, DAD!
HA! HA!
THAT WAS A FIRST-RATE CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF THAT POISON, SON! YOU'RE DOING FINE!
I GUESS I'M JUST A CHIP OFF THE OLD BLOCK, EH, DAD?


THEN ONE NIGHT... A PENCIL OF LIGHT ETCHES AN AWESOME EMBLEM IN THE SKY...
THE BAT-SIGNAL! POLICE COMMISSIONER BATMAN IS PAGING US!
INTO YOUR ACTION GARB SON... BATMAN II AND ROBIN JR. ARE GOING ON THEIR FIRST ASSIGNMENT TOGETHER!


AND AS IN THE DAYS OF OLD, TWO DYNAMIC FIGURES ONCE AGAIN FLIT OVER GOTHAM CITY'S CHANGING SKYLINE...
ONCE I USED TO ANSWER THE BAT-SIGNAL CALL WITH BRUCE WAYNE... NOW I'M DOING IT WITH MY OWN SON! I'M A PROUD FATHER TONIGHT!


SOON AFTER... ON THE ROOFTOP OF INTERNATIONAL POLICE HEADQUARTERS...
WHAT'S UP, BRUCE?
POLICE CHIEFS ALL OVER THE WORLD HAVE NOTIFIED ME THAT BANDITS HAVE BEEN HIJACKING THE STOCKPILES OF ELEMENT X! YOUR JOB IS TO FIND OUT NOW AND WHY!


ONE PLACE THE BANDITS HAVEN'T HIT YET IS SCIENCE CITY. SO I SUGGEST YOU BRIEF OUR SCIENTISTS THERE! GOOD LUCK, YOU TWO... I WISH I WERE YOUNG ENOUGH TO BE IN UNIFORM AGAIN!

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FELLAS, MEET CODY!

GOSH, THAT'S MIGHTY DANGEROUS! YA GOTTA BE FAST ON YOUR FEET, HUH?

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THAT KID WILL BE KILLED!

I'LL GET HER!

QUICK! INTO THE BARREL!

RIGHT FAST MOVIN', SON!

MIGHTY FAST THINKIN', TOO!

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Keep from getting chilled. Don't bathe or swim too long in cold water. Take off wet clothes at once. Chilling can lessen your body's protection against polio.

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ACT QUICKLY—CALL YOUR DOCTOR AT ONCE

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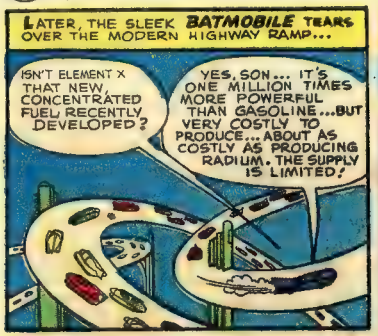
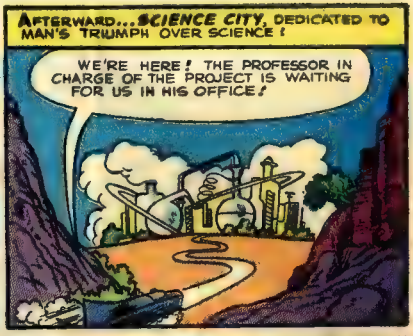
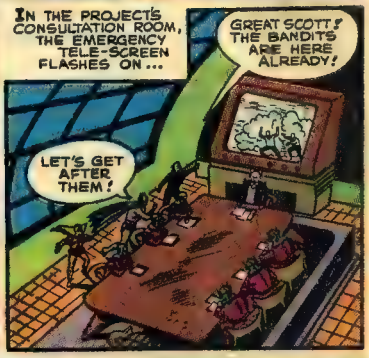
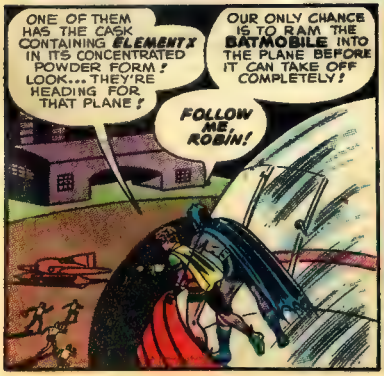
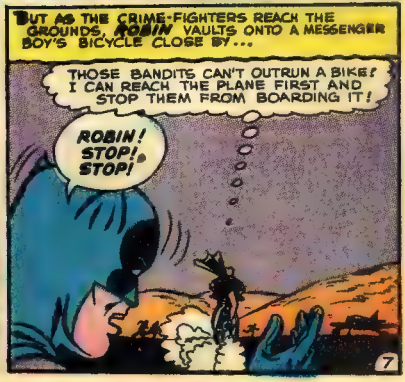

LATER, THE SLEEK BATMOBILE TEARS OVER THE MODERN HIGHWAY RAMP...
ISN'T ELEMENT X THAT NEW CONCENTRATED FUEL RECENTLY DEVELOPED?
YES, SON... IT'S ONE MILLION TIMES MORE POWERFUL THAN GASOLINE...BUT VERY COSTLY TO PRODUCE...ABOUT AS COSTLY AS PRODUCING RADIUM. THE SUPPLY IS LIMITED!

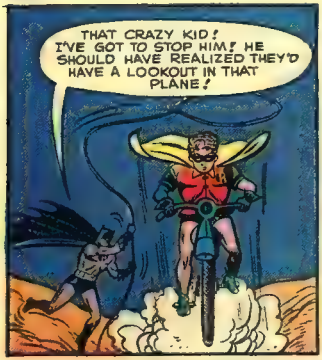

AFTERWARD...SCIENCE CITY, DEDICATED TO MAN'S TRIUMPH OVER SCIENCE!
WE'RE HERE! THE PROFESSOR IN CHARGE OF THE PROJECT IS WAITING FOR US IN HIS OFFICE!

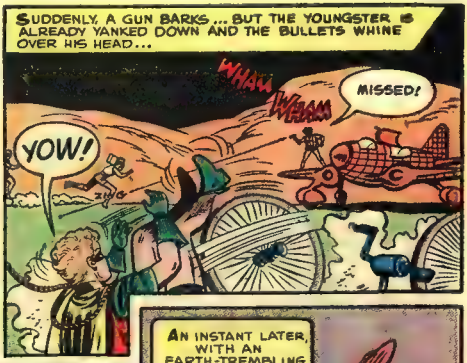
AN HOUR PASSES...THEN, IN THE STOREROOM WHERE FOOD SUPPLIES ARE STOCKED FOR THE SCIENCE CITY CAFETERIA...
WE GOT OURSELVES SMUGGLED IN NEATLY INSIDE THESE DUMMY CRATES! NOW... GET YOUR GAS PELLETS READY!
CREAK
CREAK
CREAK
SCOUT

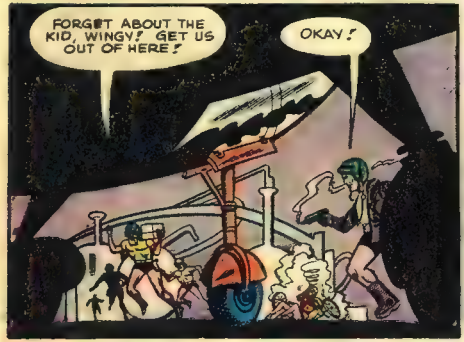

IN THE PROJECT'S CONSULTATION ROOM, THE EMERGENCY TELE-SCREEN FLASHES ON...
GREAT SCOTT! THE BANDITS ARE HERE ALREADY!
LET'S GET AFTER THEM!

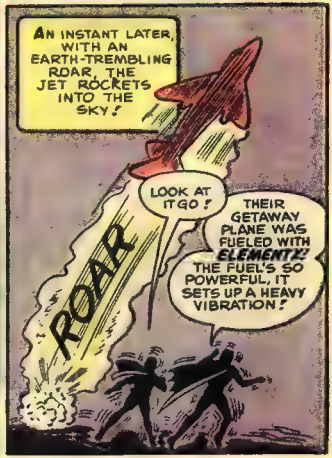

ONE OF THEM HAS THE CASK CONTAINING ELEMENT X IN ITS CONCENTRATED POWDER FORM! LOOK... THEY'RE HEADING FOR THAT PLANE!
OUR ONLY CHANCE IS TO RAM THE BATMOBILE INTO THE PLANE BEFORE IT CAN TAKE OFF COMPLETELY!
FOLLOW ME ROBIN!

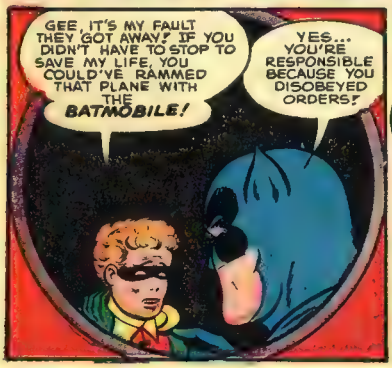

BUT AS THE CRIME-FIGHTERS REACH THE GROUNDS, ROBIN VAULTS ONTO A MESSENGER BOY'S BICYCLE CLOSE BY...
THOSE BANDITS CAN'T OUTRUN A BIKE! I CAN REACH THE PLANE FIRST AND STOP THEM FROM BOARDING IT!
ROBIN! STOP! STOP!

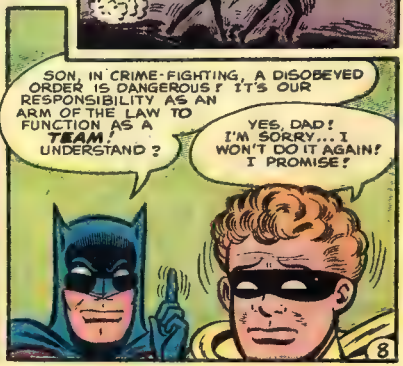

THAT CRAZY KID! I'VE GOT TO STOP HIM! HE SHOULD HAVE REALIZED THEY'D HAVE A LOOKOUT IN THAT PLANE!


SUDDENLY, A GUN BARKS... BUT THE YOUNGSTER IS ALREADY YANKED DOWN AND THE BULLETS WHINE OVER HIS HEAD...
WHAM
WHAM
MISSED!
YOW!
ZING


FORGET ABOUT THE KID, WINGY! GET US OUT OF HERE!
OKAY!


AN INSTANT LATER, WITH AN EARTH-TREMBLING ROAR, THE JET ROCKETS INTO THE SKY!
LOOK AT IT GO!
THEIR GETAWAY PLANE WAS FUELED WITH ELEMENT X! THE FUEL'S SO POWERFUL, IT SETS UP A HEAVY VIBRATION!
ROAR

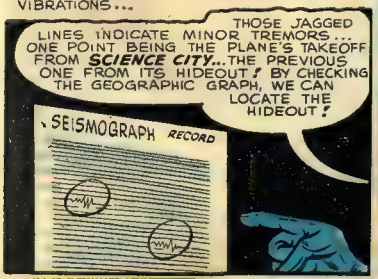

GEE, IT'S MY FAULT THEY GOT AWAY! IF YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO STOP TO SAVE MY LIFE, YOU COULD'VE RAMMED THAT PLANE WITH THE BATMOBILE!
YES... YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE BECAUSE YOU DISOBEYED ORDERS!


SON, IN CRIME-FIGHTING, A DISOBEYED ORDER IS DANGEROUS! IT'S OUR RESPONSIBILITY AS AN ARM OF THE LAW TO FUNCTION AS A TEAM! UNDERSTAND?
YES, DAD! I'M SORRY... I WON'T DO IT AGAIN! I PROMISE!

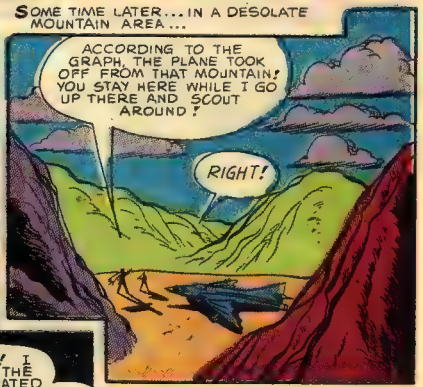
MAYBE WE CAN! REMEMBER HOW THE EARTH TREMBLED WHEN THEIR PLANE TOOK OFF? IT WAS LIKE A TINY EARTH-QUAKE!
NOW WHAT? IF WE COULD ONLY TRACK DOWN THE BANDITS' TRAIL...

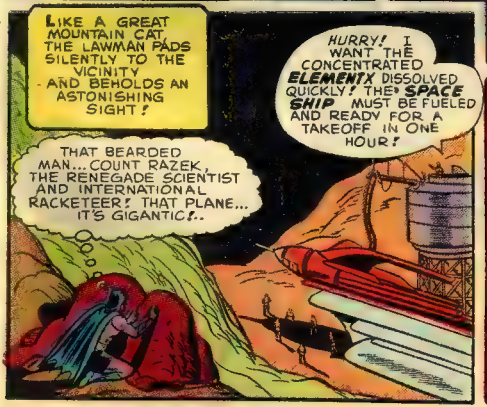
THEIR PLANE HAD TO SET UP THE SAME VIBRATIONS WHEN IT TOOK OFF FROM THEIR HIDEOUT! ALL WE NEED TO DO NOW IS CHECK THE VIBRATIONS REGISTERED ON THE SEISMOGRAPH IN THE BATCAVE!

IN THE **BATCAVE'S** SCIENCE LAB, THE DUO INSPECTS A SEISMOGRAPH...AN INSTRUMENT WHICH RECORDS EARTHQUAKES AND VIBRATIONS...


THOSE JAGGED LINES INDICATE MINOR TREMORS... ONE POINT BEING THE PLANE'S TAKEOFF FROM SCIENCE CITY...THE PREVIOUS ONE FROM ITS HIDEOUT! BY CHECKING THE GEOGRAPHIC GRAPH, WE CAN LOCATE THE HIDEOUT!
SEISMOGRAPH RECORD

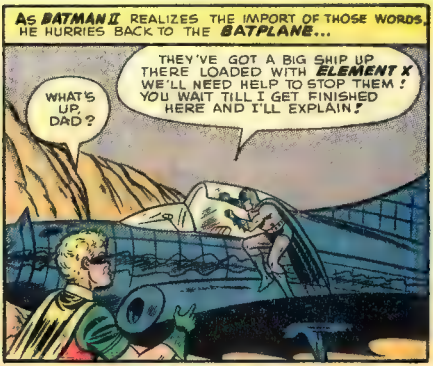
SOME TIME LATER...IN A DESOLATE MOUNTAIN AREA...

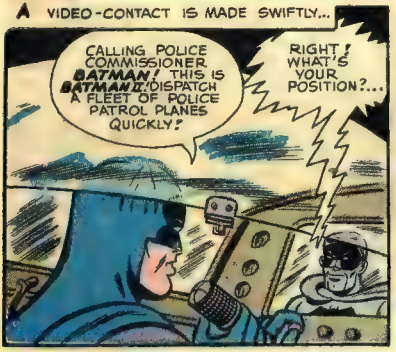


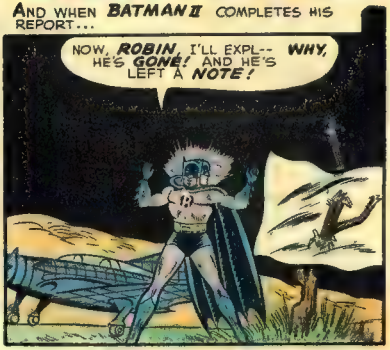

LIKE A GREAT MOUNTAIN CAT, THE LAWMAN PADS SILENTLY TO THE VICINITY - AND BEHOLDS AN ASTONISHING SIGHT!
HURRY! I WANT THE CONCENTRATED ELEMENTX DISSOLVED QUICKLY! THEN SPACE SHIP MUST BE FUELED AND READY FOR A TAKEOFF IN ONE HOUR!
THAT BEARDED MAN...COUNT RAZEK, THE RENEGADE SCIENTIST AND INTERNATIONAL RACKETEER! THAT PLANE... IT'S GIGANTIC!..

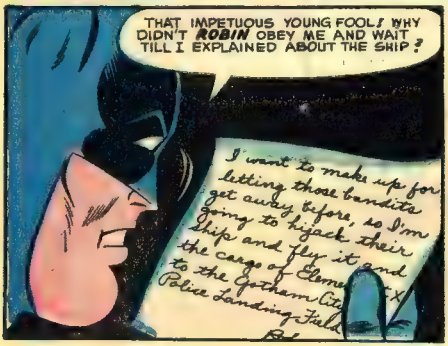
I SET THE ROBOT CONTROLS, BOSS!
GOOD! THE PROPER AMOUNT OF ELEMENTX WILL LAUNCH THE SHIP INTO THE STRATOSPHERE BEYOND THE EARTH'S GRAVITATIONAL PULL! THEN IT WILL FLOAT FREE... CIRCLING THE EARTH LIKE A MAN-MADE MOON!

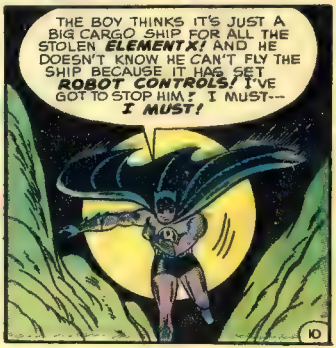
AFTERWARD, WE CAN FERRY WANTED CRIMINALS TO IT WITH A SMALLER SHIP FOR A HIGH PRICE. I CAN OFFER THEM THE SAFEST OF ALL HIDEOUTS... AN ISLAND IN OUTER SPACE WHERE THE LAW CAN'T TOUCH THEM!

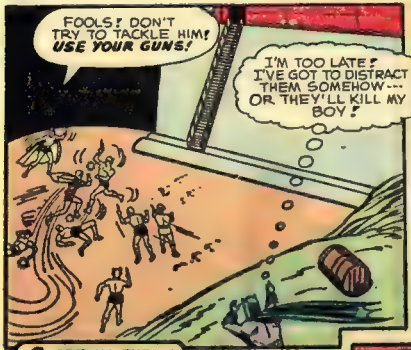

AS BATMAN II REALIZES THE IMPORT OF THOSE WORDS, HE HURRIES BACK TO THE BATPLANE...
WHAT'S UP, DAD?
THEY'VE GOT A BIG SHIP UP THERE LOADED WITH ELEMENT X WE'LL NEED HELP TO STOP THEM! YOU WAIT TILL I GET FINISHED HERE AND I'LL EXPLAIN!

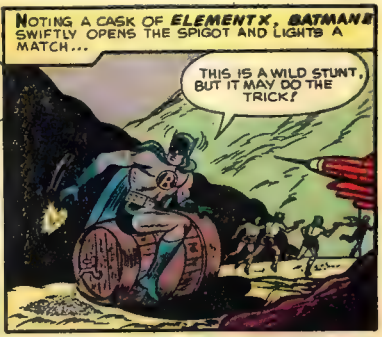

A VIDEO-CONTACT IS MADE SWIFTLY...
CALLING POLICE COMMISSIONER BATMAN! THIS IS BATMAN II. DISPATCH A FLEET OF POLICE PATROL PLANES QUICKLY!
RIGHT! WHAT'S YOUR POSITION?...

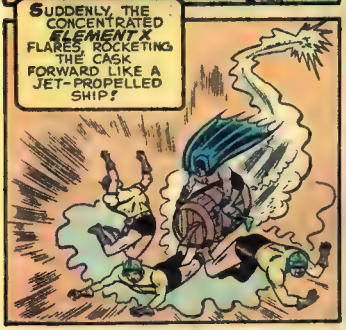

AND WHEN BATMAN II COMPLETES HIS REPORT...
NOW, ROBIN, I'LL EXPL-- WHY, HE'S GONE! AND HE'S LEFT A NOTE!

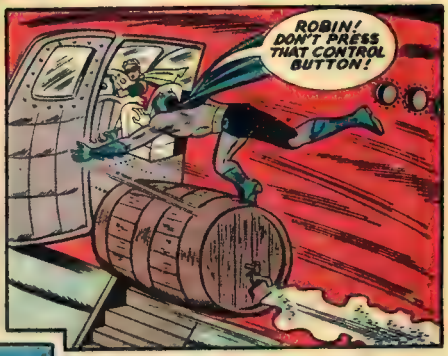

THAT IMPETUOUS YOUNG FOOL! WHY DIDN'T ROBIN OBEY ME AND WAIT TILL I EXPLAINED ABOUT THE SHIP?
I want to make up for letting those bandits get away before, so I'm going to hijack their ship and fly it and the cargo of Elme[illegible] to the Gotham City Police Landing Field.
Bi[illegible]


THE BOY THINKS IT'S JUST A BIG CARGO SHIP FOR ALL THE STOLEN ELEMENT X! AND HE DOESN'T KNOW HE CAN'T FLY THE SHIP BECAUSE IT HAS SET ROBOT CONTROLS! I'VE GOT TO STOP HIM! I MUST--
I MUST!


FOOLS! DON'T TRY TO TACKLE HIM! USE YOUR GUNS!
I'M TOO LATE! I'VE GOT TO DISTRACT THEM SOMEHOW--- OR THEY'LL KILL MY BOY!

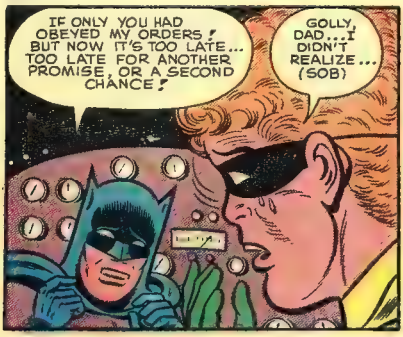

NOTING A CASK OF ELEMENT X, BATMAN SWIFTLY OPENS THE SPIGOT AND LIGHTS A MATCH...
THIS IS A WILD STUNT, BUT IT MAY DO THE TRICK!

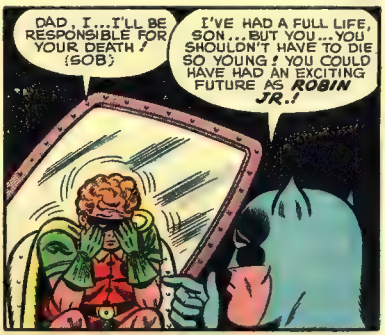

SUDDENLY, THE CONCENTRATED ELEMENT X FLARES, ROCKETING THE CASK FORWARD LIKE A JET-PROPELLED SHIP!

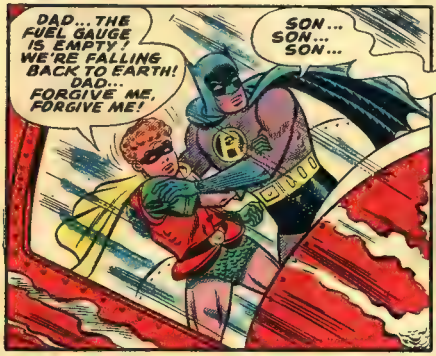

ROBIN! DON'T PRESS THAT CONTROL BUTTON!

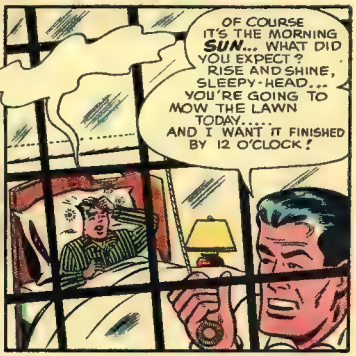
THE WARNING IS TOO LATE...FOR THE HATCH DOOR SEALS IN BATMAN II AND ROBIN JR. AND; WITH A THUNDEROUS ROAR, THE SHIP HURTLES ITSELF INTO SPACE!

SON...SON...I TRIED TO WARN YOU! THIS IS A ROBOT-CONTROLLED SPACE SHIP.....AND YOU TOOK OFF BEFORE IT WAS COMPLETELY FUELED! LOOK AT THE FUEL GAUGE... WE'VE ONLY ENOUGH FUEL TO TAKE US PARTWAY UP...AND THEN THE SHIP WILL CRASH TO EARTH!

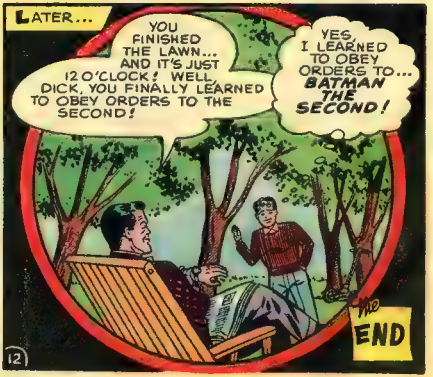

IF ONLY YOU HAD OBEYED MY ORDERS! BUT NOW IT'S TOO LATE... TOO LATE FOR ANOTHER PROMISE, OR A SECOND CHANCE!
GOLLY, DAD...I DIDN'T REALIZE... (SOB)


DAD, I...I'LL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR DEATH! (SOB)
I'VE HAD A FULL LIFE, SON...BUT YOU...YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE TO DIE SO YOUNG! YOU COULD HAVE HAD AN EXCITING FUTURE AS ROBIN JR.!


DAD...THE FUEL GAUGE IS EMPTY! WE'RE FALLING BACK TO EARTH! DAD... FORGIVE ME, FORGIVE ME!
SON... SON... SON...

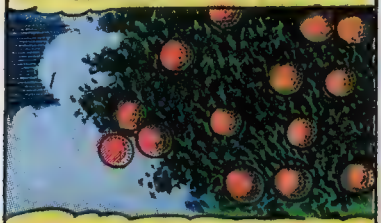

OF COURSE IT'S THE MORNING SUN... WHAT DID YOU EXPECT? RISE AND SHINE, SLEEPY-HEAD... YOU'RE GOING TO MOW THE LAWN TODAY..... AND I WANT IT FINISHED BY 12 O'CLOCK!

I DREAMED IT ALL! IT WAS ONLY A DREAM.... A NIGHTMARE I'LL NEVER FORGET!


LATER...
YOU FINISHED THE LAWN... AND IT'S JUST 12 O'CLOCK! WELL DICK, YOU FINALLY LEARNED TO OBEY ORDERS TO THE SECOND!
YES, I LEARNED TO OBEY ORDERS TO... BATMAN THE SECOND!
THE END

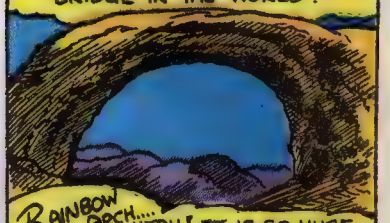
QUICK QUIZ

AFTER THEY ARE PICKED, WILL ORANGES RIPEN?



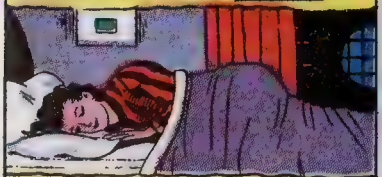
NO! UNLIKE MOST FRUITS...ORANGES DO NOT RIPEN....AFTER PICKING!

WHICH IS THE *LARGEST* NATURAL BRIDGE IN THE WORLD?



RAINBOW ARCH.... UTAH! IT IS SO HUGE THAT THE CAPITOL BUILDING IN WASHINGTON COULD BE PLACED UNDER IT!

CAN A PERSON GO LONGER WITHOUT EATING OR WITHOUT SLEEPING?



ONE CAN SURVIVE LONGER WITHOUT *EATING*! HUMAN BEINGS HAVE LIVED FOR SIX WEEKS WITHOUT FOOD.... BUT NO LONGER THAN *FIVE DAYS* WITHOUT SLEEP!

ARE THERE ANY TRACES **TODAY** OF THE BIG FLOOD OF **NOAH'S** TIME?

YES! ONE FOURTH OF IRAN IS DRIED UP DESERT THAT HAS CRACKED INTO ODD SHAPES.....CAUSED WHEN THE WATERS OF THE **FLOOD** DRIED UP WAY BACK IN THE DAYS OF *NOAH*!

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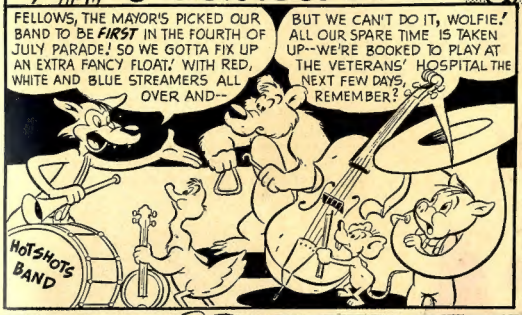
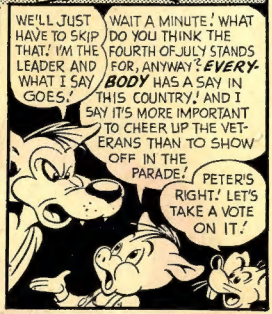
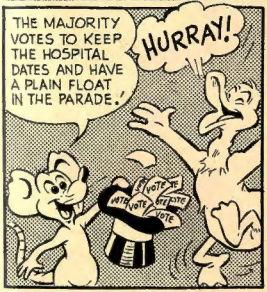
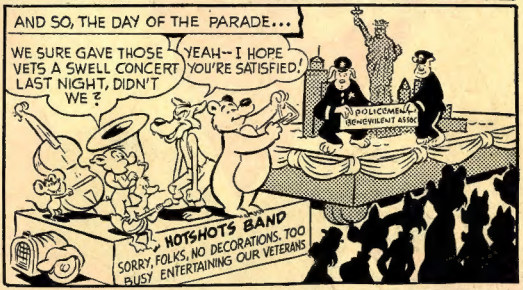
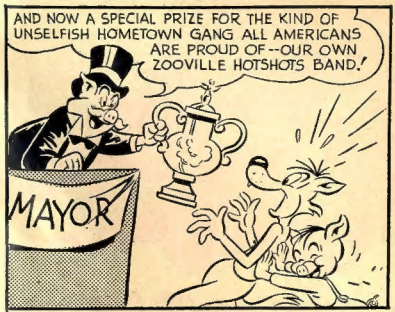

FELLOWS, THE MAYOR'S PICKED OUR BAND TO BE *FIRST* IN THE FOURTH OF JULY PARADE! SO WE GOTTA FIX UP AN EXTRA FANCY FLOAT! WITH RED, WHITE AND BLUE STREAMERS ALL OVER AND--
BUT WE CAN'T DO IT, WOLFIE! ALL OUR SPARE TIME IS TAKEN UP--WE'RE BOOKED TO PLAY AT THE VETERANS' HOSPITAL THE NEXT FEW DAYS, REMEMBER?
HOTSHOTS BAND


WE'LL JUST HAVE TO SKIP THAT! I'M THE LEADER AND WHAT I SAY GOES!
WAIT A MINUTE! WHAT DO YOU THINK THE FOURTH OF JULY STANDS FOR, ANYWAY? *EVERY-BODY* HAS A SAY IN THIS COUNTRY! AND I SAY IT'S MORE IMPORTANT TO CHEER UP THE VET-ERANS THAN TO SHOW OFF IN THE PARADE!
PETER'S RIGHT! LET'S TAKE A VOTE ON IT!


THE MAJORITY VOTES TO KEEP THE HOSPITAL DATES AND HAVE A PLAIN FLOAT IN THE PARADE!
HURRAY!
I VOTE TO KEEP THE HOSPITAL DATES
I VOTE TO HAVE A PLAIN FLOAT


AND SO, THE DAY OF THE PARADE...
WE SURE GAVE THOSE VETS A SWELL CONCERT LAST NIGHT, DIDN'T WE?
YEAH--I HOPE YOU'RE SATISFIED!
POLICEMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOC.
HOTSHOTS BAND
SORRY, FOLKS, NO DECORATIONS. TOO BUSY ENTERTAINING OUR VETERANS


AND NOW A SPECIAL PRIZE FOR THE KIND OF UNSELFISH HOMETOWN GANG ALL AMERICANS ARE PROUD OF--OUR OWN ZOOVILLE HOTSHOTS BAND!
MAYOR

GEE, FELLOWS--I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY--
THAT'S OKAY, WOLFIE! JUST SO LONG AS THERE'S SOMEBODY AROUND TO SPEAK UP LIKE PETER DID, WE CAN KEEP EACH OTHER IN LINE. THAT'S *REAL* DEMOCRACY!

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